the pace could be stepped up on the

his 103 and Jones took almost as

long over his 93, most of it scored

on the second day. Border, the

captain, raised the pace slightly i

his 70, but the fastest man was

Waugh, who hit a masterly 79 at

by caution, leaving only 40 min-

utes of the second day to try t

winkle out some English wickets.

They failed, Broad and Ather

comfortably seeing out the day at

England's initial target on the

third day was to avoid the follow-

the draw, leaving them still one up

fractionally faster rate than the

Australians to be 349 for five at

the close. Athey was the first out

at 55, having shared a century

Gatting, the captain, and Broad

then went on to individual centur-

Earlier in the week Gatting had

been severely reprimanded by the

English management for failing to

turn up in time for the opening of

their game against Victoria.

Gatting had overslept, much to his

personal embarrassment. Gatting

effectively had the last word by

leading his men to victory in

Victoria for the first time in 24

years, by five wickets with 17 balls

At one stage England had looked

capable of winning in a day and a

half. After dismissing Victoria for

101 in their first innings, England

responding with 263. But Victoria

were more stubborn in their sec-

ond innings, hitting 345, of which

Hibbert had 91 in six hours

England made halting progress

but they eventually reached 184

for five at a run a minute. More

important, in the context of the

third Test. Whitaker made up for

his first innings duck by hitting

48, the leading England score and

won selection in place of the

injured Botham for the Test.

Boon had taken five hours over

downs, the fight had to be stopped. Witherspoon seemed neither physically nor mentally prepared for fighting a big, heavy puncher worn out by his pre-fight wrangles like Smith and his only answr to with promoter Don King over his strengthened when England went the first powerful right that staggered him was to try to tie his opponent up inside. But Smith pushed him away and knocked

bloody tooth, got up but never recovered from that first assault. His easy win on points over Smith over-confident and unready for a sion over Juan LaPorte.

condition and much more selfassured after a series of wins this

Smith will now meet Mike Tyson, the World Boxing Council champion, in Las Vegas on March 7. As both fighters are heavy punchers, it promises to be a battle for survival. But Tyson, who was at the ringside on Saturday, will be an overwhelming favourite because of his unbeaten record and his recent one-sided win over Trevor Berbick in taking the WBC

purse and the fact that he had not on to reach 455 on the fourth day, been consulted about the change of then had Australia at 82 for three, opponent after Tubbs dropped out. There were threats of court action

before the matter was resolved. These dramas completely overshadowed another world title bout. Julio Cesar Chavez retained his WBC junior lightweight title last year seemed to have made him with a unanimous 12-round deci-

### in only two hours. There were rate of 16 and one half runs per Discipline sadly lacking

ONE way and another it was an away from home settling the tie. unlovely week in British soccer. Unhappily, for all it was rich with Eleven players and a coach were quality football from both sides, ordered off during the weekend's the match was not short of fouls English League matches, four in and vendettas, and the referee has one match. This followed a taut reported both teams to UEFA. European club match between Borussia Münchengladbach and Glasgow Rangers in midwesk when Rangers had two men sent booked. Leading Saturday's shepanigans were Portsmouth in the English Second Division, who had Chorley, saw their run ended 5-0 three men sent off before half-time in their match against Sheffield

If the English league was overburdened with sendings-off, bringing the total this season to 107, the Scottish League had some handsome scoring. Hearts led the way in the Premier Division with a 7-0 win over the bottom club, Hamilton Academicals.

Dundee United are now the only British club remaining in the three European club competitions. They reached the quarter finals of the UEFA Cup by holding Hadjuk Split to a goalless draw away, having won the home leg 2-0. They did so in spite of midfield dominance by the Yugoslavs, who were frequently thwarted by the goalkeeping brilliance of United's

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The Scots had hoped to have two clubs in the quarter finals, but in the other match Glasgow Rangers went out to Borussia Münchengladbach on the away goals rule. Rangers held the Germans away 0-0 but had drawn the home leg 1-1, that German goal

TODAY LEAGUE: First Division: Aston Villa 3, Manchester United 3; Luton 1, Everton 0; Manches ter City 3, West Ham 1; Newcestie 3, Notlingham Forest 2; Norwich 1, Arsenel 1; QPR 0, Charlton 0; Tottenham 2, Walford 1: Windeledon 3, Sheffield Wednesday O. Postponed: Southampton v. Coven-try. Played Sunday: Leicester City 2, Oxford Utd 0; Liverpool 3, Cheisea 0. Leading positions: 1, Arsenal (p19, pts38); 2, Noils Forest (p18, pts35); 3, Liverpool (p19, pts34). Second Division: Crystal Palace 5, Hull

Grimsby 1, Sloke 1; Leeds 3, Brighlan 1; Millwell 4, Huddersfield 0; Plymouth 1, Derby 1; Reading 1, lpswich 4; Shelfield Uld 1, Portsmouth 0; Shrewsbury 1, Birmingham 0. Postponed: Blackburn v. Dundee. Played Friday: Bradford 1, West Dromwich 3. Leading positions: 1. Oldham Athletic (p18, pts37); 2, Portsmouth (p19, pts36); 3, Plymouth (p19, pis34). Third Division: Blackpool 1, Bury 1; Bolton 3

Billinghem 0: Chesterfield 3, Carliste 2: Fulham 1 Manafield 1: Middlesbrough 1, Doncaster 0; Notes County 5, York 1; Rotherham 4, Bournemouth 2 Waisall 4, Darlington 2; Wigan 1, Brentford 1, Prayed Sunday: Bristol Rovers 2, Newport 2; Swindon 1, Bristol City 2; Port Vale 2, Chester 1. **Leading positions:** 1, Middlesbrough (p19, pis38); 2. Gillingham (p19, pts37); 3. Notta County (p19.

Fourth Division: Cardiff 2, Aldershot 0; Colches-

At a lesser level there was joy in midweek for the little Welsh nonleague club, Caernarion Town, when they won their FA Cup replay at York City, of the Third Division, 2-1. But one of the other surviving non-league clubs, at Preston North End in a replay. Caernarfon's reward was to win a for another county while still on third round home tie against Second Division Barnsley. Perhaps shire. the key match to emerge from the draw was a meeting between the two Manchester clubs, United and

One of soccer's greatest tragedies was remembered at the weekend when Bradford City reopened their Valley Parade ground 18 months after 55 people died in a fire at the old main stand. A total of £2.6 million has been spent on a 5.500-seater stand incorporating the latest safety features. An England team played Bradford to mark the opening and Sir Oliver Popplewell, who headed an inquiry into the fire, unveiled a memorial

ENGLISH cricket will have major changes to its county championship formula in 1988. There will be for the first time six four-day matches and 16 three-day games, giving the same number of days as

### Football results

ter 0, Preston 2; Crawe 1, Torquey 0; Exeter 1, Transmere 0; Hartlepool 0, Wolwarhampton 1; Tranmers 0; Hartispool 0, Wowamampton 1; Herelord 2. Cambridge Utd 3; Lincoln 4, Swansea 0; Northampton 2, Wiecham 2; Orient 2, Burnley 0; Hove, winning by nine and a peterborough 2, Haidax 0; Rochdale 1, Scunihorpe 1; Southend 0. Stockport 0. Leading positions: 1, top-class greyhounds at odds of 5-1

FINE FARE SCOTTISH LEAGUE - Premier Owner, Cliff Kevern, who bought Division: Aberdeen 1, Hibernian 0; Clydebank 1.

Dundee Utd 2: Dundee 6, St Mirren 3; Hearts 7.

Hamilton 0; Matherwell 1, Cellic 1; Rangers 4,

the dog will now go to stud. Falkirk 0. Leading positions: 1, Cellic (p24, pts39); 2, Dundee Utd (p24, pts34); 3, Hearts (p24, pts33). First Division: Airdrie 3, Brechin 1; Clyde 2,

## Openers dominate Test

FOR the third Test in succession a minor flutters when Athey was out hour. Boon was content, however, Australia/England match. In the first Test England went on to force Australia to follow-on and eventually won. In the second Australia avoided the follow-on and the match ended in a draw.

for a change, with the Australians after they had hit 514 for five declared after winning the toss. England, without the injured lan for five on the third day, thus on the opening day, led by avoiding the follow-on comfortably century from Boon, who Witherspoon seemed mentally but placing the odds on another drawn match. This was have taken more advantage

The fifth day petered out into the expected draw with Australia declaring their second innings at 201-3 at tea, with Border batting impeccably to record his seventh Test century against England. This left England with 261 to get

big opening innings dominated the and then Gatting was bowled first ball, but Broad and Lamb played out the remaining overs comfortably enough; England finishing at

There were plenty of critics of the Australian tactics after the second day, many of them homegrown. On such a comparatively excellent batting strip to reach 349 it was they made only 207 for two ended a bleak spell. They should slightly, but the Australian batting pace wasn't exactly compelling at other times, Marsh taking three hours and a quarter over his painstaking 43. This brought to 27 hours and 48 minutes the time he on, at 315, then build patiently for England so far in the series. during which he has scored at the in the series. This they did at a

### Alan Dunn's DIARY

present with 24 three-day the Russian, Andrei Chesnokov, in

Oxford and Cambridge. cricket. He had been offered a twoyear contract by Derbyshire, but 6-3. there was objection to his playing the committee at his native York-

personalities for the rest of the season last week almost before the racing has begun. Bill Johnson, the American Olympic downhill champion, was taken home after shattering his left knee and breaking his right shoulder in a fall while practising for the weekend's racing at Val Gardena, Italy. Last season another American,

Kraig Sourbeer, broke his neck in training on the same section of the classic course, the notorious Camel Pass bumps. In the racing Canadians won both the men's and women's events. Rob Boyd won at Val Gardena, while Laura Graham ended a run of four successive World Cup victories for the Swiss by taking the Val d'Isère event.

GREYHOUND racing had an extra special week when Ballyregan Bob set a world record of 32 consecutive wins. He did it before the world's television cameras at 1; Southend 0, Stockport 0, Leading positions.
Northampton (p19, pis48); 2, Swanssa (p19, pis35);
on. He overtook the record held by SCOTTISH FA CUP — First Round: Former an American greyhound, Joe Mechanics 0, Berwick 1. First Round Replays: Dump, set in 1978-79. Ballyregan's him as a pup for £1,500, says that

Queen of the South 1; Dumbarton 1, Dunfarmino 2; Forfar 1, Partick 2; Kilmarnock 2, Morton 0; Montrose 2, East Fife 1. Leading positions: 1, Dunfarmine (p24, pts33); 2, Dumbarton (p24, pts33); 2, Dumbarton (p24, pts33); 3, Morton (p24, pts27).

Second Division: Ayr 1, Cowdenbeath 3; East

New York for the Sound time last

New York for the Sound time last Stiring 4, Meadowbank 4; Ratin 1, St Johnstone 1; New York for the fourth time. In Stenhousemuir 2, Queene Park 2; Stirling 2, the final he beat Boris Becker in Arbroam 2; Stranger 1. Albon 0. Leading three sets, all 6-4. It was the start Kolius came romping into the first Meadowbank (p18, pis24); 3, Stirling Abion (p18, of a bad week for Becker, for he mark, with sheets cracked, to lead was later beaten 2-6, 6-4, 6-7 by by 21 seconds.

games. There will also be an end to one of the round robin matches of the quarter final stage of the the Young Masters tournament in knockout Benson and Hedges Tro- Stuttgart. But Becker went on to phy, in which the Combined Uni- win the tournament, beating Sweversities side will be chosen from den's Jonas Svensson 7-6, 7-6, 6-3 all British universities, not just in the final. Two of Svensson's compatriots, Stefan Edberg and Meanwhile, Geoff Boycott, the Anders Jarryd, successfully deformer Yorkshire and England fended their Masters doubles title opening batsman, has confirmed in London at the weekend. In the his retirement from first-class final they beat Guy Forget and Yannick Noah, of France, 6-3, 7-6,

### **EEC Games**

A NEW concept for a multi-sport games, designed to avoid the massive costs of putting eveything into one city, was launched in London last week. The European Economic Community Games, enbracing 24 sports in a dozen cities around the Community, are planned for 1989. The unifying feature will be television, with the anticipated cost of £6 million being met by a dozen sponsors . . . Each of the 12 games centres will stage two sports. Nine sponsors have already signalled interest.

## NY boat eliminated

YACHTING history was made on Britain's hopes of making the

America II and Tom Blackaller in line. the St Frances Yacht Club's USA: The crunch matches came on Sunday when Blackaller faced Marc Pajot in French Kiss, and Kolius took on the Kiwis.

The wind was light and shifty, and promised unpredictability. America II led at the first mark by the simple expedient of going way out on the right wing and picking up the seabreeze first. The easterly on which the course had been set was to give way to a Sou'Sou' westerly and it was on this that

Gage Roads on Sunday when New minute and even though the Zealand crossed the finishing line breeze grew to 18 knots, America in her race 15 seconds ahead of the II stayed ahead around the next New York Yacht Club's America three legs. But, on the third best, II. That defeat eliminated America the superior boat speed of New II from the Challenger semi-finals Zealand began to show. She took and leaving the NYYC out of the over the lead two-thirds of the way America's Cup for the first time in up that leg, and was 14 seconds up the competition's 135-year history. as she went around the mark.

Kolius was not finished yet. He semi-finals subsided two days ear- made Chris Dickson and his crew lier when White Crusader lost to fight all the way. But a New New Zealand and the fourth place Zealand victory was assured as the semi-finals was left to be Dickson concentrated on covering fought out between John Kolius in his opponent all the way to the

French Kiss led USA up the first leg, but Blackaller took his radically-designed boat to the front on the run. He gained on each leg thereafter.

The four yachts going into the Challenger semi-finals starting on December 28 are: New Zealand (Chris Dickson) representing the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squad ron, Stars and Stripes (Dennis Conner) representing the San Diego Yacht Club, USA (Tom Blackaller) representing the St Francis Yacht Club, and French Kiss (Marc Pajot) representing the Societe des Regates Rochelaise.

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## Freed Sakharov hopes to resume work in Moscow

Mikhail Gorbachev.

have been timed to distract world "My own health is reasonable, attention from the anti-Russian more or less, considering my age riots in the traditionally Muslim and recent experiences," he said republic of Kazakhstan. Dr "But my wife is feeling much his home in Moscow, with his wife. ning of December, she has not been Yelena Bonner, is also an attempt to resolve the last of the notorious her legs and some heart pain." human rights abuses still capable of provoking public outrage in the long and very interesting conver-

When I asked him in a telephone interview whether there would be after a telephone was installed in any restriction on his activities in the small flat in the closed city of Moscow he said: "When we come Gorky where he had been exiled we shall see. We shall have to find since 1980, just after the Soviet out when we arrive how things invasion of Afghanistan.

to see Western correspondents first time he had been allowed a once in Moscow, Dr Sakharov private line since his arrival in replied: "Again, we shall have to Gorky. see. We have got out of the habit of When Mr Gorbachev rang, they seeing people. Literally, we have discussed human rights, said Dr not seen anyone except for the Sakharov, adding that he said to postman or people in the shops, the Soviet leader: "I beg you to

His first call in Moscow would be By Martin Walker in Moscow on the Academy of Sciences, to discuss arrangements for him to resume his scientific work, he said

the institute to study and do While in Gorky, I had been doing some research, or rather I tried to do something. This is very impor-

the Lebedev Physics Institute.

worse than I do. Since the beginout of the house. She has pains in He confirmed that he had "a sation" with the Soviet leader Mr Mikhail Gorbachev on the day

KGB officials arrived last week Asked whether he would be able to install a telephone. It was the

consider once again the release of



Dr Andrel Sakharov.

would be to earry out justice It is very important for you, for the Soviet Union, for international opinion, and for the success of all your efforts "

Mr Gorbachev's reply was noncommittal. Dr Sakharov said. They discussed the death in writer, Anatoly Marchenko. "His would have been the first name on

Dr Sakharov then said that in his view, all those convicted under Soviet propaganda and agitation" had been convicted and imprisoned

unjustly. "I cannot agree with you," Mr Gorbachov replied. paigner. Anatoly Shcharansky, have been appalled at the public and Yuri Orlov, founder of the relations disaster it produced Helsinki monitoring group, were freed from prison and allowed to go

Last month the veteran Soviet dissident. Anatoly Marchenko, predecessors. They pointed to the died in prison, where he had spent more than 20 of his 48 years. The Prayda as a sign of his anger. household names of the human exile in the West, or free to live normally have praised his achieveand work in the Soviet Union. It ments. Instead it condemned renains to be seen whether the Brezhnev's lack of consistent de-

can mobilise the same outrage for public criticism or to accept selfthe lesser known figures who criticism. romain incarcerated, or waiting endlessly for their exit visas.

my list," Dr Sakharov told Mr country as guest of honour at the Gorbachev. Vientamose Communist Party congress in Hanoi.

Of perhaps equal significance was the appalled reaction in the West to the Soviet Union's celebration of UN Human Rights Day with a public warning that Dr Sakharov had got off lightly, and could have faced much more severe criminal charges. That statemen by the veteran deputy chief of the Ratushinskaya, to fly to Britain supreme court, Viktor Gusev, provoked the most anti-Soviet head lines that Mr Gorbachev had seen since he took office. He is said to

Soviet officials speaking privately claimed that Mr Gorbachev believed he was still carrying the can for decisions taken by his critical article on Mr Brezhnev in

The article, to commemorate Mr Brezhnev's 80th birthday would West's human rights campaigners morracy his failure to encourage

It was by no means an apology to those like Dr Sakharov who suf-It may be significant that Dr fered for their criticisms of the Sakharov's freedom was an- Soviet Union under Mr Brezhnev. nounced while the Politburo's most But it was a significant statement prominent hardliner, Yegor of regret, to mark the day of Dr Ligachev, was still out of the Sakharov's release from exile.

## Gorbachev's new broom keeps on sweeping

THE release of Dr Andre Sakharov, the most famous Soviet dissident, and his equally long-suffering wife, Yelena Bonner, is a dazzling climax to a momentous week in Soviet affairs. Seen alongside the bitter denunciation of Leonid Brezhnev in Pravda, the riots in Kazakhstan and the threat to resume nuclear tests, the return of the Sakharovs to Moscow is powerful evidence of Mr Gorbachev's determination to transform the Soviet Union. When he came to power there was doubt of his determination and his ability to achieve real reform. He is now embroiled in a struggle of enormous complexity on two fronts, a fact which attests to the magnitude of his self-imposed task as well as to his energy and confidence.

### The Washington Post

ANDREI SAKHAROV and his wife. Yelena resistance to Soviet repression, and their off his back. Plainly, he did not expect that return from internal exile to Moscow is from a remote closed city these two ailing cause for rejoicing. Dr. Sakharov was .:ever accused of, let alone tried for, any crime. His concern. They had help from family memwife was set up for exercising rights bers and other admirers. They also profited guaranteed by Soviet law. They were from a certain leakiness of the Soviet treated in what was, even by Soviet standards, a dirty way: to convince outsiders that they were doing all right, for of "openness." Mr. Gorbachev is now cutting instance, the government invaded their the Soviet Union's substantial international communications and Dr. Sakharov's medical sessions. But they were not doing all right; at the best of times, they were The losses are more than international. undergoing terrible harassment and privation. Yet they were never broken. They maintained their dignity and also an

extraordinary relationship with each other. lack of political imagination that led Leonid

What is not yet clear is whether he is going to get away with it. On the external front, he showed at Reyk-

javik how far he is prepared to go towards arms limitation - given American flexibility on Star Wars. His earlier, unilateral moratorium on tests gave Moscow a rare propaganda advantage in this "peace offensive". Even the threat to resume them remains contingent on a US decision to continue with theirs. At the same time such a threat may be seen as a signal, or possibly a surrender, to the military: Mr Gorbachev is not going to risk Soviet security if the Americans make no concession in response to his own. This still leaves Washington to do the explaining if Soviet tests resume.

ton's self-absorbed descent into scandal. there are hints from US sources that the way to a major arms deal is far from closed and that pleasant surprises should not be ruled out. Perhaps Mr Reagan now needs a spectacular success in this area just as much as Mr Gorbachev — in each case to divert attention from domestic issues. Straddling the external and internal fronts is the question of human rights. The

Despite the static on the East-West line

since Reykjavik, to say nothing of Washing-

release of dissidents shows Mr Gorbachev shedding a burden he would prefer not to have to carry into every conference chamber. It is an easier one to dump than Afghanistan, where the military again have

From Gorky to Moscow

the "problem" of this renowned physicist and his wife, herself a human rights leader, system, which was evident even before Mikhail Gorbachev introduced selected bits losses by bringing the couple back to Moscow, where the next chapter will unfold.

Foreigners see Andrei Sakharov as an individual dissident. Soviet leaders may see him more as a representative of a whole class of scientists and educated people It was thuggishness and a characteristic whose taste for an eased-up political environment must somehow be accommodated Brezhnev to exile the Sakharovs - to get if the state is to get full value from their

productive talents. Dr. Sakharov was never Scientists may be no braver thun others, but the best of them recognize they have some cautious liberalization and contacts with the West. Foreign trude and espionage offer the Kremlin certain alternatives to relying on Soviet scientists. But Mr. Gorbachev seeks to get as much as possible out of native talent, and this cannot be done by treating accomplished people like criminals.

The Sakharovs have suffered but also benefited from their celebrity. The lives of many other courageous Soviets play out beyond the light and reach of Western concern. It is well to recall that the Soviet system loses none of its capacity for arbitrariness for the occasional well-publicized grant of relief.

Dissident poet freed, page 10

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a direct interest. And when Pravda blames the Brezhnev era for over-reaction to dissidents, their piecemeal release becomes a useful symbol of the intent to make a new start. A much riskier assault on the Brezhnev legacy is the dismissal of the late leader's last crony in the Politburo. As Mr Kunayev was also party leader tand a native soni of Kazakhatan and was replaced by a Russian national, the Kazakhs ran riot in their capital of Alma Ata, raising seldommentioned spectres of nationalism and Muslim revivalism. Almost as startling as the unrest is the fact that it was reported prominently by the Soviet media while it was still going on, the most remarkable demonstration so far of the new openness after Chernobyl. (Report, page 7.) All this relates directly to the attack on

inefficiency and bureaucracy, and on the economic backwardness which is their most glaring and enduring product. An important link between this domestic house-cleaning and the peace offensive is that if the latter succeeds, vast sums would be released to the decisive benefit of the former. If the West is looking for a test of sincerity on arms, it should consider the evidence of resolve offered by the risks Mr Corbachev is taking at home. It would be tragic if the West's present political disarray prevented it from seizing what looks increasingly like an historic opportunity. There is no need to abandon caution, or even risk loss of face, to test Mr Gorbachov's good faith: all that is required is to meet him halfway by suspending nuclear tests. Let him have his positive signal: it is the only way to catch up with the moral lead he still holds on disarmament, now reinforced by the removal of that perennial obstacle to East-West understanding symbolised by the name of Sakharov.

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## Reaganism's strange logic

If current reports of the growing "Irangate" will lead a lessening of scandal in Washington are correct, the macho flexing of America's the logic of the calculation that military-industrial muscles, which underlies the flasco is inescapable; might make that crazy country a in the minds of North, Poindexter fraction less malignant, even if and the other culprits, three or only for 5 or 10 years, until the four living American ex-hostages next Nixon or Reagan gets to rule are worth thousands of dead Iraqis the American Empire. The only plus thousands of dead Nicara-

What kind of barter is this that exchanges the lives of a handful of Americans for weapons of death that will surely be used to destroy tens of thousands of non-Americans? If these bizarre, macabre deals were inspired by a "humane impulse" then God save humanity.

What is most astonishing is that, amid all the glamour and recrimination, Reagan, Buchanan and friends continue to believe that they are themselves misunderstood arbiters of peace and freedom to the non-American world, as is evident when they extol the virtues of Colonel North as a new."American hero".

Such arrogance underpine the American black-and-white view of the world, a world that to them exists for American use, in which the Pacific is "America's Pond". Latin America is the "strategic underbelly" of the States, and Central America is their "backyard". It is this set of values that makes the United States now so unpredictable and incomprehen-

The sooner Reagan, his baloney and his cronies bite the dust in true cowboy-fashion, the sooner this collective national concert will be deflated down toward a more realistic scale of values. No amount of scandal will turn America into a benign force on the manichean vision of "democracy"

uncomfortable that Reagan and

Gorbachev nearly agreed, at Reyk-

range nuclear missiles from

taken — they should be glad to see

ing all nuclear weapons from

Europe. As Russia's ability to

attack the US grew in the 1970's,

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consolation is that the next set of lunatics will be bound, after some time, to fall foul, as they step even beyond their own warped mentality - we will then be treated to another spectacle on the scale of this current, amazing imbroglio.

M. Poldane. Bondi,

Alex Brummer overstepped the bounds of his generally admirable circumspection (Dec. 7) by trying to equate Reagan's Iranian imbroglio with past presidential trauabiding American belief in something called "democracy". Are we to attribute selling sophisticated weapons to a fanatical and warring theocracy, and financing a war against a tiny country whose government has a claim to popular Marchenko is the second political support equal to or greater than most of those aided by US foreign policy, all of which was carried out beyond the gaze of the elected representatives of the American Irina Ratushinskaya, the poetess people themselves, simply to an released the day before the Reykjaover-eager attempt to achieve vik summit, was completely un-

ple-minded pronouncements of grandpa Reagan and his pitchmen from the perverse worldview which motivates their actions. Their planet; let us hope, however, that vs "communism" does not flow

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from any genuine desire to extend liberty to every corner of the globe, but is rather a cynical justification for protecting what they take to be American interests by backing repression (Chile, South Africa) and subverting popular reform

It's those interests that lead the Norths and Poindexters and Regans to consciously undermine the foundations of the "City on a

Michael Solot, Dept. of Geography Univ. of Wisconsin.

### Bar 500

In your report (Dec. 21) of the death of Anatoly Marchenko in Chistopol labour camp in the need for reprocessing to take place. USSR, Martin Walker states that Marchenko was one of the last its consultants, Large and Associwell-known inmates of the Soviet ates, submitted evidence to the

tailed case histories of more than ering the problems of nuclear 600 prisoners of conscience in the waste. This showed that there was oned in Chistopol. Anatoly that it could be dry-stored instead. dissident to die in that camp in the past three months, and many of Board, said on television at the the prisoners known to us are time of the committee's report that suffering from serious illness "moral goals", guided by "the love known outside human rights circles 18 months ago. The chal-We've got to separate the sim- lenge facing us is to ensure that all prisoners of conscience receive publicity, and accelerate the pressure for their release.

Janet Johnstone. Amnesty International, Don't let Reykjavik initiative slip by

The US's European allies are US would not respond to a Soviet involving Europe, Russia, and the invasion of Europe with its US- US so unthinkable that they based nuclear arms, out of concern wrongly concluded that this made it unlikely. They want to make it The installation in Europe of US plain that nuclear weapons will be Europe. The Europeans are mis- Pershing and Cruise missiles, used early, and that the war will which Europe requested, eased involve both Russia and the US. them go, as a first step in remov- European fears. It would be diffi- thus linking our fate to theirs and cult to avoid using these weapons keeping war as unthinkable as Europe. It will be a shame if this if Europe were attacked; and their

initiative gets lost in the furore range is such that they would fall There are seemingly respectable directly on Russia. So Russia could arguments for this posture. The The missiles are seen as a way of hardly fail to respond, attacking Europeans do not want the US to contemplate a limited nuclear war There was also an element of in Europe. Also, they argue, nucwishful thinking. The Europeans lear weapons will be used sooner or European leaders feared that the found the thought of nuclear war later during any European war, and will involve both the US and Russia. Thus it ought to be clear that they will be used early, and widely, removing any lingering doubts a potential aggressor might Copyright <sup>5</sup> 1956 by Guardian Publications Ltd., 119 Farringdon Road, London, England. All rights reserved. Letters to the Editor and other aditorial correspondence to: The Guardian have. If the world cannot be made safe for conventional war, it is Subscription enquiries to the Circulation Manager, The Guardian Weekly, 164 Desnegate,

> This view is mistaken, since the presence of nuclear weapons is there is a big advantage to using them promptly. Thus, in any crisis, there will have to be a delegation out of civilian control. A minor incident, a sort of a shoving match between Russian and Allied forces, could thus ignite a conflagration.

Richard Lynn, Millwood, NY.

## Buttering up the roaches

to stay long enough in port for de-

A. Wood (Letters, Dec. 7) pro- speedily ate all the cockroaches proved excellent fried on toast poses a buttered jar as solution to but multiplied fast. After two with a knob of butter. Either way. the cockroach problem. My own weeks the spiders put the ship out (Mr Wood's or mine) butter is ship, serving in the Mediterra- of action by webbing down the essential and cockroaches ultinean, was thickly infested. Unable guns. At my suggestion chame, mately edible after processing deleons were flown in. These effeclousing, we introduced North Afri- tively ate the spiders, allowing the can spiders on board. These guns to be freed. Chameleons

Graham Binns,

### Teetering on the Sellafield brink

Once again the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate has let British Nuclear Fuels off the hook (Guardian Weekly, Dec. 21).

In 1981 it investigated the way the Windscale/Sellafield plant was run, its report was scathing about management and safety procedures. In 1983 it was the same story, and now we hear it once again. This time, however, the inspectorate has at least begun to talk of closure, even if it is only

However, what the inspectorate should have demanded is that the Sellafield reprocessing plant be shut permanently. Greenpeace has insisted on this not merely as a response to sloppy management practice or an appalling safety record, but because there is no

Last year Greenpeace through Commons select committee on the Amnesty International has de- environment, when it was consid-USSR, seven of whom are impris- no need to reprocess spent fuel and Lord Marshall, chairman of the Central Electricity Generating

he would prove us wrong. We are still waiting, as is the selec'

Nor have we heard from the CEGB about our challenge that it substantiate the assertion that our four-year nuclear close-down programme is impracticable. This, of course, leaves the ques-

tion of why BNF continues to see its future in reprocessing. The answer is, the money received from West Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Holland, Sweden, Spain and Japan, all of whom are delighted to send their spent fuel to our country for reprocessing. Ask BNF how much low-level.

intermediate, or high-level waste it has returned to these countries and the answer will be none. It has either been dumped in the sea buried at Drigg, or is stored awaiting further treatment and the answer to the problems

Public opposition to this situation is growing; sooner or later the Government will have to realise that the British people are more concerned about their environment than about scrabbling for every

George Pritchard

### How the PM seems to be talking herself out of a job

am sure I'm not alone in can be actualised can only be finding Mrs Thatcher's use of the resolved politically, and therefore adjective "party-political" as a those matters cannot be above, term of gentle or not so gentle beyond, or deeper than party poliabuse surprising. She is, after all, tics. a party politician.

Sissons (Dec. 9) was that matters without a difference. like defence and law and order were in some way deeper than talking about? Does she intend party politics and more important than them. This is indeed strange, because politics and, since the early 18th century, party politics has been the major method by which policy has been arrived at in

our democracy. It is true that there is almost a minute mean that there is consensus about how these things can be achieved. Conflicts about the means by which social goals.

It is interesting that the French

The burden of her message in word politique means policy, thus her ITN interview with Peter perhaps preventing a distinction What is the Prime Minister rather than pricing herself out of a job, to talk herself out of one?

> Ian Griffiths. Killarney Road London SW18.

Mrs Thatcher's declared faith in the integrity of President Reagar total consensus that we should be is hardly surprising in view of her defended and that there should be record of faith in the integrity law and order, but this does not for her own appointees before and after they have proved completely

### Ankara's backward glance

the Council of Europe and can be activities as tantamount to stirseen holding elections of various ring insurrection. kinds; reportage of that country better if we do not pretend that it has therefore sometimes given the impression that conditions have friend. He is not only of consider-"normalised" there: an impression that is partly true. Nevertheless, it itself conducive to conflict. The is still easy for people to be gaoled weapons are so destructive that on charges that would be inconceivable in most democratic coun- member. Why should a country

of authority to field commanders, rian doing a doctorate at Birming- the need to give the impression to and the weapons will quickly pass ham University, who is active in the world that it is still a repres-Ankara in trying to set up a sive semi-military regime. Socialist Party, for ding nothing more than participate in a public meeting to this end, he, with others, has been arrested and will be tried under Turkey's catch-all

Turkey is now to be President of Article 142, which regards such

We have come to know Hall very well as a follow historian and able standing intellectually, but ! very generous-minded individual whom any institution such as ours Halil Berktay is a Turkish histo- ment to the democratic process feel Chris Wickham.

> Rodney Hilton. Department of Medieval History, University of Birmingham.

## Number of jobless declining

cheering prospect that unemployment may, at long last, be declining. The dole queue has now shortened for four consecutive months — the first time this has happened since Mrs Thatcher took office in 1979 — which encouraged Whitehall to claim that the trend was now "firmly downwards."

The number out of work in November fell by 29,387 to a total of 3.2 million. Even after allowing for seasonal factors, it now looks as if the total really has declined by about 77,000 since the middle of the year. One reason is that the real, permanent jobs, are also taking more people out of the dole

Even if the trend at the moment is downward, there is no guarantee that it will continue that way. Redundancies in manufacturing industry continue with depressing regularity - British Telecom alone is planning to shed 24,000 jobs over the next four years and more will inevitably be lost as Government will plough money a result of the Government's deci- into the company by replacing its preference to the home-grown

Nimrod to the parliamentary Opposition. but Ministers contrived to avoid a Commons debate on the subject by the House was about to adjourn for own more than 15 per cent of it. the Christmas recess.

Britain for every £100 it earns murderer who is serving two from the sale of Awacs — the Government may, however, actualany contracts placed in Britain would be under control of the US Department of Commerce. But the Attorney-General, Sir Michael Havers, ruled three years ago that this piece of American legislation ereignty and that British firms should not accept contracts gov-

The pre-Christmas warning by the Bank of England about the dangers inherent in the growth of easy personal credit was echoed by Economic Cooperation and

MR PAUL CHANNON, Secretary for Industry, has

acted with commendable speed to investigate allega-

tions that civil servants within his own department

have been using privileged information about

that this is the sixth time with a few weeks that the

Government has acted with commendable speed to

attack irregularities in the City. If investigations

continue at this pace then the points scored by Mr

Channon for prompt action will be obscured by the

wider political flak as the worst fears of popula

mythology about the City appear to be confirmed

The reason for the new investigation has not been

comes a week after press speculation that leaks from

the DTI may have prompted dealings in shares of IC

Gas in advance of a surprise DTI announcement that

the Monopolies Commission would investigate the

The allegations are particularly serious for two

reasons. First, they involved people who are supposed

to be monitoring the City in the wake of the so-called

Big Bang: this swept away regulations which had

hitherto kept the City on a fairly tight rein, thereby

leaving it exposed to more worldwide competition.

more conflicts of interest and, inevitably, more

temptation. Britain prides itself on having a Civil

Service rarely tainted with corruption. Unless civil

servants are not only free of double dealing, but seen

to be free, then the City will take its cue accordingly.

If gold rusts, what shall iron do?

£750 million takeover bid from Gulf Resources.

confirmed by the Department of Industry, but

companies to secure financial gain. The trouble

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Developent (OECD), which said roads and a massive armed securithat Britain's money supply was ty cordon, provoked considerable expanding far too rapidly and that controversy. What, it was asked, spending overruns now posed "maor problems" for the next budget. the budget would offer little scope for the kind of tax cuts Mrs Thatcher has been promising since 1979 and which are widely expected in this next, pre-election bud-

The Treasury can, of course, still pull in money from the sale of wave and the nation's water unearn anything from the sale of for sale in the spring. On the contrary it - or, rather, the taxpayers - will be writing off more than £600 million.

expected to bring in between £500 million and £750 million. Before it

### THE WEEK IN BRITAIN by James Lewis

can be floated, however, existing bank debts of £273 million of £372 million written off a year to accusations of selling the world's best-known engineering company for nothing. A consolation, if such it be, is that foreign investors will not be allowed to

The Home Socretary, Mr Doug-By opting for the attractive las Hurd, took an unprecedented step when he allowed a convicted sentences to be released into police bleak, windswept Pennine two young people who disappeared more than 20 years ago

The release was that of Myra Hindley who, in 1965, was convicthorrific murders of three young people, two of whom were found buried on Saddleworth Moor, in Greater Manchester. Two other same time and the police have reason, to start searching for their

burial places on the moor. Hindley's costly visit to the scene of her crimes, involving a helicopter flight, the blocking of

Insiders inside the DTI

could be gained by the search Could Hindley and Brady, already jointly serving five life sentences from which they will never again after such a lapse of time?

The deputy chief constable Greater Manchester, Mr John Stalker, was not even aware that Hindley was to be brought to help in the search because his chief. Mr He had, it seemed, been frozen ou by his boss ever since he returned to work three months after being suspended on flimsy charges which were proved to be without founds

His suspension was viewed with great suspicion because he was, at the same time, taken off an inquiry into allegations that the police in Northern Ireland were operating a "shoot-to-kill" policy against republican torrorists in the troubled province. His findings had they ever been completed would have recommended the prosecution of a number of senior Northern Ireland officers.

After 30 distinguished years police service, Mr Stalker decided brought on himself and his family Privately, he had lost faith in a service which brought spurious charges against him, shunned him when they failed to stick, and left him with bills for more than £20,000 spent on his needless

The vulnerability of the Dublin Prime Minister, Dr Garret Fitz-Gerald, and the tenuous nature of the Anglo-Irish Agreement, were Bill allowing suspected terrorists to be extradited for trial in the

A greater readiness by both was an integral part of the Anglo-Irish pact and Dr FitzGerald was taking. But Ireland has been traditionally uneasy about placing its prisoners before the British courts the new extradition law in such a way that it will not take effect for years - by which time, it was evidently hoped, either Dublin, or Westminater, or even both, mighhave new governments.

Second, allegations of insider trading by civil

servants were triggered by what happened only a

publicity) against irregularities was at its height.

suspects to speak out under pain of contempt of court)

blunt warning to the City that the party was now

over and that recalcitrants would be pursued

desired effect on some of the DTI's own monitors le

There is another reason why the Government is

acting so speedily. It is to head off demands for a

statutory body like the Securities and Exchange

Commission in the US to replace the present system

based on voluntary self-regulation with a statutory

reminder that the existence of a statutory body is, of

itself, no guarantee against rotten apples within.

the DTI could harbour them, so could a British SEC

But the present proliferation of ad hoc investigations

counter attractions of an SEC body with accumulated

expertise and wide ranging powers to follow up leads.

However, the debate about the relative merits of

statutory versus voluntary regulation is a long-term

one. The Government's main aim is damage limita-

tion in the run up to a general election when scandal

in the City could cost valuable votes.

to be solved can be only guessed at

### questions to be answered." These Board which funds concert halls by answers, if they were going to be the Thomes will suffer the same satisfactory, needed to be given by standstill treatment in 1987

The Arts Council decision, taker The impression he got from first on the advice of its drama panel reading Sir Robert's affidavits had will plunge the RSC, which has an totally changed as a result of later accumulated £800,000 deficit after evidence, he said. "He is an a poor year at the box office, into official, not a technician able to immediate difficulty. Its new chie give hard, detailed, compelling executive, Mr Terry Hands, de

the Attorney-General, said Ma

Simos, were "extravagant, melo-

dramatic, and outrageous. They

were baseless, unjustified, and

should be rejected out of hand," he

Mr Turnbull, earlier this week

accused Sir Michael and the

Government in general of having

used Sir Robert as a "fall guy" to "lie and dissemble" to the court.

Grants cut

By Nicholas de Jongh

ARTS Council subsidies to the

Royal Shakespeare Company and

the first time. Next year, the RSC

The new cash allocations and

evidence. That's my objection to scribed the allocation as "a cur iously aggressive action. I do not The judge intervened after Mr understand it." he said. His first reaction was that the Theo Simos QC, for the Government - who throughout the trial company would have to cut one of has adopted a low key approach - its main productions at the had delivered a brief but savage Barbican Theatre next year and attack on Mr Malcolm Turnbull, one at the Pit. It would also have the lawyer acting for Mr Peter to try to reduce the size of the

MI5 book trial ends in

welter of accusations

By Richard Norton-Taylor in Sydney

THE MI5 secrets trial in Australia whose memoirs the Government is

Powell is not expected to give his Mr Turnbull's criticisms of Sin

udgment on whether Mr Peter Robert and Sir Michael Havers,

camouflage trick of giving a mis- the National Theatre have been

leading impression and intending frozen at existing cash levels for

in his final intervention: "My real £.811,400 — the same as in 1986

were thrown up well in advance to nounced last week, in effect,

indicate to the authorities in Brit- amount to a cut of about 6.5 per

ain there would be a lot of cent in real terms. The South Bank

Mr Justice Powell told the court will get £5,197,000 and the NT

ended last Friday, but Mr Justice trying to suppress.

until the middle of February.

op of the security service.

It has become increasingly clear

the exposure of two particularly

damaging episodes: the alleged

government, and the investiga-

tions of Soviet penetration at the

The evidence, the judge said on

Friday, showed that Sir Robert

would not stoop to lie when a half-

the Cabinet Secretary had used

complaint is that enough issues

Wright, the former MI5 officer company.

100. He devoted his life to the cure treatment of fractures and

He was inspired to study medicine by the surgeon Sir Robert Jones, who straightened his knee. Sir Harry founded Britain's first separate fracture clinic in Ancoats in Manchester in 1914, and headed set up in 1932.

Under his leadership both clinic tile family.

SIR HARRY PLATT, one of the and department were unrivalled in founding fathers of modern ortho- Britain and he became the counpaedic surgery, has died at his try's first professor of orthopaedic surgery when a chair was created for him at Manchester in 1939. He was president of the Royal College of Surgeons from 1954 to 1957 and played a major part in the organisation of the National Health

Service. His own disability, which gave him a pronounced limp, prevented Sir Harry from taking much exercise, to which he attributed his Manchester University's ortho- long life. An accomplished musipaedics department when it was cian and composer, he came from a long-established Lancashire tex-

### Bill Simpson — Dr Finlay

week earlier, at a time when the purge (and the who for 12 years played Dr Finlay One of the main reasons for the speedy use of the in Dr Finlay's Casebook on BBC DTI's increased powers (including the ability to force radio and television, has died, aged

was to generate the regulators own Big Bang - a Dr Finlay followed. It was to keep him busy on BBC TV for nine years-and-on -BBC Radio for

another three. Mr Simpson toured frequently, alone the City traders, then the depth of the problem including two years in Educating Rita playing the ageing lecturer

BILL SIMPSON, the Scottish actor Michael Caine. He was in pantomime during most Christmas sea-

> he became seriously ill. He was there when he was again taken il Mr Simpson was twice married Both marriages ended in divorce He had two children by his second marriage to the actress Tracy Reed, step-daughter of the film

Mr Simpson had a home i

Spain and went there to rest after

### David Penhaligon, MP

wall, Mr David Penhaligon, was Liberal treasury spokesman, and skidded on black ice and crashed best-liked members. into his Rover car on a steep hill will have an uphill task to prove itself against the near his constituency.

> could not stand up. to hit a bus and then burst into

flames.

THE Liberal MP for Truro, Corn- The 42-year-old MP was the killed on Monday, when a van one of his party's best known an

A former president of the party he sported a broad Cornish accent Police said that conditions at the and was one of three politician scene were so bad that officers who stood in to host the BBC Radi 2 Jimmy Young programme whe The out-of-control van went on JY was on holiday last month.

His majority at the last electio was 10,480.

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explain this, he will come up with

one or two plausible bits of evi-

WITH the Government's Austra- episode in another place in 1977, I reply to any question that has any that of the legions of Con- their major claim, breathtaking in lian ordeal over for the present, I ran into the gentleman in question bearing on defence and security. servatives who think as he does, its arrogance, the Tories go a after the election in October 1974. I went to see a respected politician, Heath cabinet and now faced a lengthy exile from power. What ities. At the same time as a days in Bulgaria. Plainly there are were his plans? Would he stay in

city. He certainly intended to himself preparing to act on simi- revolution. There always have remain in politics, and for a simple lar fears in a series of unreason. He felt it his patriotic duty authorised operations against the to nullify, and as soon as possible defeat, the Labour Government of Harold Wilson. This was because it was peopled by traitors.

Furthermore, he could name security officials of the Wright ment he had seen their security files. On the basis of these he could say with certainty that Mrs Bar- with the visit to my informant's It is not so disposed as the Tories It teeters uneasily between obelbara Castle, Mr Michael Foot, Mr house of a shadowy figure, leaving to assume that Moscow is poised Tony Benn and Mr Denis Healey as I arrived, who was casually were "Muscovites." The most sus- described to me as "the chap who pect of all was Healey. "Perhaps," he said with relish, "we will wake when I was in government." up one morning and find that Denis Healey is in a pool of blood on the pavement."

My informant was a reasonable Opposition, and it united all wings man. He survived the Labour of her party. On a Panorama pean socialist state have rolled different from the leadership of years to become a prince among programme in July 1977, she all easily off the tongue, especially in socialist parties elsewhere in Euwets under Mrs Thatcher. He but asserted that Labour was 1979, as a description of what rope. Yet nowhere else is a chalwould never contemplate saying a he: far too civilised, and scornful of Minister Callaghan, while not per- political slanging. But it helps are questions asked about its

them is a partially paranoid mind. Admitted to the deeps of this teeming organism. I was reminded that even in the Gentlemen's Tendency, the Labour Party is regarded as something much more ominous than a political opponent. And when, having recounted this

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teered with grinning jubilation: "I still believe it. I still believe it."

This glimpse into an unshake- dence going rather beyond Arthur able faith has its modern continudeparted minister was filled with militants in the Labour Party who front-line politics, or perhaps re- these apprehensions, a cabal of long for the overthrow of capital-Wright, was, according to Wright unpromising objective of a British Labour prime minister.

tacks on Mr Kinnock now resound

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branches and councils. There was common feeling, if It might also be said that the not provably common cause, between Conservative politicians and Soviet Union in a less menacing persuasion. Indeed, a detail of my

### By Hugo Young

own encounter which has remained with me is that it coincided light than the Conservative Party. for the attack. In its coarser variant, this feeling is accompakept me informed on these things nied by a gut anti-Americanism which is usually as blind as it is Labour's questionable allegiance dumb. Plenty of material here to was a theme pursued by Mrs titillate the excited imagination of the Labour leadership is at great-Thatcher throughout her time in a Tory Commie-spotter.

Again, images of the East Euroindistinguishable from the Com- Labour's economic policy would lenge made to the very right of a munist Party, and said that Prime lead to. Perhaps this is mere "socialist" party to exist. Nowhere almost everything the Tory Right haps a Trotskyist himself, was reinforce the impression that if patriotic reliability. Only in Brit-surrounded by Trotskyista he could you scrape the skin of British ain does the governing party con-The echoes of this reach into the Comintern: sometimes witting, well-ordered world, to be wiped off 1986. Indeed, they are getting sometimes unwitting, but Musco- the board as a foreign excrescence.

louder. The prime minister's at- vite all the time. with intimations not of error but of

If you press the average Tory to not excluding the present prime leader's opinion of Healey, Castle, Foot and Benn tells one a lot more about the psyche of Conservatism

Scargill's one-time liking for holithan the politics of socialism. What such a judgment says is that the Labour Party fundamen-MI5 officers, including Mr Peter ism, and devote their lives to the tally lacks legitimacy. British socialism, we are to understand is not simply a creed that doesn't been such dreamers, and now they work. It is actually an alien force: have a foothold in a few inner-city its policies East German, its allegiance Russian, its leaders the dupes or manipulators of this Labour Party tends to see the misbegotten connection. When Mrs Thatcher speaks of needing a third term to destroy socialism, those

are the well-springs of her passion. Now it is true enough that British socialism has lost its way. sances to Marx, to Crosland, to Tawney. If you took some of its ideas to their logical conclusion, Berlin: but this overlooks the fact that logical conclusions are what est pains to disayow.

socialism you will find an arm of tend that its main rival ought, in a

Given the odious intolerance of a This, soberly and fiercely, is handful of local authority bosses, what my 1974 informant believed, you might say that the Tories have treachery. A streak of venomous and doubtless still believes. It is, in a point. Brent and Haringey counhatred, not manufactured for par- fact, a calumny so gross as to make cils look like being a vote-losing liamentary show, enters her every one wonder about his sanity and embarrassment for Labour. But in

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minister. The fact that this was a ing the values of democratic poli-There could be no graver charge

against a security service than that it acted to destabilise its own confesses. He thinks he was doing the country a favour. It is a deeply If any event of the recent pas requires a judicial inquiry, there could not be a more obvious

But the present government ap up a junior minister to try to blow the thing away with one feeble

ment's indifference, however, lies this other factor. Harold Wilson, a Roy Jenkins aptly said, carried light ideological baggage. So does Mr Kinnock. But inside the most unexpected Conservatives, an MIF file-keeper is struggling to be heard. For them, all socialists are walking in the wrong direction.

local naturalist brought me a small mammal to identify as he could not work out which species he had obtained. It had been brought in by a cat that had been hunting along the shore line of Loch Ness. The blunt nose indicate ed it was a vole but the specimen was too large to have been a bank vole or field vole and in any case its tail was too long. However, the tail was far too short to have been a brown rat and the ears and muzzle were also too short. So by a process of elimination it could only be a water vole. However, this was no ordinary water vole as it was completely black rather than the more usual brown colour. This black form - some people claim it to be a distinct subspecies Arvicola terrestris reta — is onl occasionally found in Britain and generally in the north of Scotland To be fair to the naturalist who brought the specimen for me it is unusual to seu a black form and the size aspect was not readily apparent as it was immature.

been the black form. This Highlands and do not seem

proven invaluable.

The distribution maps of the water vole indicate that the location where this particular vole was found is at the extreme northern edge of its known range, although it is suspected to occur ever further north and west. Although have not seen a live water vole is the Highlands I have occasionally found them as prey items in golder eagle eyries and these have always another indication of the wid range of food that golden eagle will take. Other predators on the water voles included stoat, min and pike. Water voles are therefore uncommon throughout the occur at all in the Inner or Oute Hebrides. So most people I spoke to done a black one and there was considerable interest in the speci-

wildlife at shows and lectures including schools - it has already

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## RAF 'would prefer fewer Awacs to risking Nimrod'

chance to assess next year's long-

would be a separate order with

pay more for them, and wait until he will consider whether these can 1991 to get the first one, rather be afforded when he has had a Nimrod radar aircraft that is still term budget costings.

This was the essence of the staff's original requirement (ASR Defence Secretary, Mr George lion, rather than £660 million Younger, made to the House of (plus the £930 million already Commons on Thursday last week spent on Nimrod) — a difference of when he confirmed the Govern- nearly £400 million, not the £200 Nimrod after nine years' work and fusingly in the Commons statepurchase a fleet of Boeing Awacs ment.

decision. Everyone's instincts would be to buy British if we could But he was sure it was right. It that the risk of assuming that dre Giraud. He thought it likely GEC could get the Nimrod radar that the French air force would as the company said it could - American, and although this

The Defence Secretary ack- Boeing he hoped that there would be absolutely resolved. It was a costs of support and maintenance question of whose engineering items. judgment one accepted - GEC's or The RAF has not been offered the ministry's. He also admitted any US Air Force Awacs aircraft that the British avionics firm was on loan to bridge the gap between prepared to back its own judgment now and 1991. This will continue by paying half Nimrod's remaining to be filled as best it can development bill of £660 million. obsolete propeller-driven That £330 million share would Shackletons with radars using only have been repaid by the second world war technology -Government if the 11 Nimrods had one of the reasons the RAF was not been delivered on time to the inclined to take a chance on required specification.

But GEC could not carry the military risk of failure, which would leave the RAF without any the training facilities already esairborne early warning aircraft in tablished in West Germany for the the early 1990s, and it was this, existing Nato fleet of Awacs. Mr Younger said, which forced him to play safe by buying an £860 million contract with Boeing American system that would defi-

The Defence Ministry is therefore cancelling all its Nimrod contracts with GEC immediately, and placing an £860 million order for six Boeing E-3 Awacs aircraft instead, for delivery from 1991. A fleet of six aircraft is not enough to mount the four airborne early warning patrols the RAF wants; it will only manage three of them, to

a lower standard than required. stry the option to purchase a further two aircraft at the same

American Awacs than it needs, six months, and Mr Younger says earliest possible stage," he told

The full cost of meeting the air

lion to just under £4.4 billion. The minister said at his press

conference later that he had al-French defence minister. Mr Annow follow the RAF in buying

THE contract offered by Boeing to of a deal to supply its Awacs radar system would be an infringement

Boeing confirmed that under the 1985 any British company accepting a contract from them would have its business placed under the control of the US Department of Commerce. Under US law the department must licence and control all movement, manufacture. port items, although many of these have been acquired for Nimrod.

could not take the risk of the RAF's programme not being As for lessons to be learned, the minister said his department was not trying to evade its share of the importance of establishing computer parts.

THE RAF is prepared to buy fewer price - £95 million each - within agreed contractual terms at the

Ferranti, the three principal British partners in the Awacs consor-

GEC's share price remained low for the year. In six months the group has had its market value knocked down by about £1.7 bil-

GEC, headed by Lord Weinstock. analysts expect GEC as a whole to weather the storm, the outlook for GEC Avionics, where up to 1,500 jobs are expected to be lost, is

By Paul Brown

However, the RAF will be exploring the possibility of sharing This last point implies that the and sales of US technology in

The Defence Secretary said h Last June the Government, in an unpublished note of protest, told the US government to stop intervention in British companies that protest was a raid by CIA agents on a Leeds company to discover what had happened to US

change will not help Mr Pearce and others seeking to sue over the place offset work in Britain as part

Sir Michael Havers, the Attory ney General ruled three years ago that this US act is an infringement of UK sovereignty and must not be accepted by British companies.

A FORMER lance corporal with

the Royal Engineers last week won a High Court victory that could give him and hundreds of other exservicemen the right to sue the Government over cancers allegedly contracted after they witnessed the British atomic and hydrogen bomb tests on Christmas Island in the

Atomic test cancer

claims can be heard

In a ruling that will be seen as a potential erosion of the Crown's immunity from legal action. Mr Ministry of Defence could not rely on immunity as a complete defence

leave to appeal to the House of wait until the case is finally decided by the Law Lords before knowing whether he can go ahead with his action against the Dofence Socretary, Mr George Younger and Ministry of Defence.

therefore could not be sued. The Government announced two Mr Pearce claims that on Christ mas Island, he worked on a refrig-Section 10 of the 1947 Crown eration unit used in connection Proceedings Act, which has barred with atomic tests and saw nuclear members of the Armed Forces from bringing legal actions against the Crown, was to be repealed. But the

His illness started in 1966 and a severe skin condition developed in

past injuries becuase it will not be

But after last week's ruling, Mr

Mark Mildred, Mr Pearce's solici-

tor said that ropeal of Section 10

gave Mr Pearce an added argu-

ment that it would be unfair to

penalise him because his illness

related to an incident 30 years ago.

time of the bomb tests, he was

owed a duty of care, not by his

Army employers, but by the now-

defunct Atomic Energy Authority.

The Authority was not a Crown

body, but its military functions

came under the control of the

Caulfield ruled that the

authority's rights, liabilities and

obligations in its military oper-

ations were transferred directly to

the Defence Secretary and not to

The judge rejected the ministry's

argument that the Secretary of

State was "the crown itself" rather

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## 'Insider dealing' scandal spreads to DTI

officials who vet City takeover bids aware of the decision until it was retary, Mr Robin Cook, MP, said have been involved in illegal share announced by the DTI the follow- that the suspicions "provided dradealings are to be investigated by ing day: the Department of Trade and

The inquiry announced by the moved suddenly ahead of a bid public inspectorate. Trade and Industry Secretary, Mr reference. The inquiry is likely to Paul Channon, represents a dra- focus on a series of other cases as have been promising us firm acmatic widening of the insider dealing scandals already rocking the City. But it came too late for MPs to tackle the Government on

servants within the Department of Ferries. Trade and Industry (DTI), as well as those who work for the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and the Office of Fair Trading - which are responsible for approving com-pany takeover bids. But its brief also allows it to question MPs, government ministers, and outside

It is thought to have been sparked off by an unexpected fall in the share price of IC Gas two weeks ago, ahead of a surprise announcement that a £750 million bid for the company was to be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Neither the

only time when share prices have should be put in the hands of

But the figure does include

allowance for penalties now pay-

with insider dealing.

that law and order in the City The IC Gas incident is not the

The Government has already cracked down in recent weeks on suspicious share dealings in the City. DTI inquiries are going on into the affairs of the brewing group Guinness and Consolidated Gold Fields. And a stockbroker, Mr Geoffrey Collier, has been charged

The DTI said that the latest inquiry would be carried out by Mr John Lindsay QC, and Mr Peter Crozier, a former head of the Inland Revenue inquiry branch, after allegations that public servants may have misused informa-

By Mary Brasier and Peter Rodgers

matic support for Labour's demand

"For the past month ministers

ting takeover bids would continue.

before the Monopolies reference to be referred?"

against the bid from Gulf Re-Mr Richard Tolkien of Morgan

Grenfell said: "We did call the DTI to express concern when we saw the sharp fall in the share price after the market closed, and we weren't given any indication." Mr Tolkien said that during the

"Oh beck — it's my husbandi I'd installed the Nimrod system but

the Ministry of Defence were

right — he's got through

evening of Tuesday, December 9, there was a sharp price fall of 10p to 540p and a further fall the next link between P & O and European period government staff may have morning, before the announcement was made. After the announcement the price crashed to 488p before recovering to 528p. He said Morgan know nothing

chant bankers Charterhouse repre-The DTI had a complaint from had also noticed the price drop the the merchant bankers, Morgan night before the announcement Grenfell, about the price move- and had not complained. "We said ment in IC Gas shares the night 'God, does that mean we are going-

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So much interest in fact that decided to have the specimen mounted. The end result is a very attractive and interesting moun with the animal on a small log and sitting upright in the feeding position with its tail curled over the log. The small front feet each greep a small piece of soft rush. For interpretating Highland

Ray Collier

ALLEGATIONS that government company nor the stock market was Labour's trade and industry sec- was announced. Morgan Grenfell

well, possibly including Monopo- tion to stamp out insider dealing, lies Commission clearance of a and it turns out that during that been cashing in on the act," he

> tion is handled by a number of about the proposed reference and, sections within the DTI, from the as far as he knew, neither did the policy division to the press office. other side. "The first either side "Only people who need to see knew was at 8.55am on the Wedinformation have access to it," said nesday, when both were phoned : a DTI spokesman. He added that. and told." the existing arrangements for vet- Mr Ewen Gilmour, of the mer

chev's foreign policy. "The Soviet Union cannot endlessly show a one-sided restraint in a situation which is causing serious damage to Soviet security," the statement said.

'It isid the entire blame on the American Government. The Soviet Union stressed that it was ready to stop its own renewed testing programms "on any day, in any month," if the Americans would reconsi-

THE US Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, is "very likely" to meet Mr Oliver Tambo next month if the president of the African National Congress visits the US, an Administration official said this week.
The official noted that Mr Tambo has not followed through in the past with

POLICE and troops have been rushed to several new areas of Karachi, after fresh posed on the Jetlines area after a mob of 500 attacked a police station where youths arrested for setting up street barricades were being held.

MR Bloy Gutlerrez Menoyo, a Spanish-Cuban revolution and spent 21 years in gaol after falling foul of President Fidel Castro, arrived in Madrid this week after being freed. He met his daughter Elena, aged 24, for the first time and was including two other former guerrilla

A TROUBLED homecoming awaited the released American prisoner, Eugene Hapardoned by his Nicaraguan captors so of student protest in modern China that he could be interrogated by congres-sional committees. Despite President Reagan's emotional support for the contras, there was no invitation for Mr Hasenfus to appear at the White House, although a presidential welcome has

MORE than 80 civilians were killed at the weekend in an iraqi air raid on iran's western city of Bakhtaran. Tehran threatened to retailete within 24 hours with long-range artillery fire on Iraqi military

tion as former ministers, members of the provincial and national assembles and other hopefuls try to stake claims for themselves in the new cabinet. Key porticios in a skeleton cabinet are to be allocated later this week.

GREECE and Turkey are trading noisy protests over a border incident in the Evros river areas in which one Greek and two Turkish soldiers were killed, but neither aide has openly threatened retail-ation. Although lest Friday's shooting was described by European diplomats as the "most serious recent incident" between the quarreiling Nato ailies, they noted that both governments seemed

THE French Government acted swiftly at the weekend to stop any more terrorist trials collapsing because of defections by nervous jurors. In future, such cases will be heard by judges only. Mr Albin Chalandon, the Justice Minister, put forward an amendment to make a Sep-

anxious to avoid further skirmlahes.

tember law on terrorist trisis retroactive. This means that Mr Georges Ibrahim Abdallah, alleged leader of the terrorist group, Armed Revolutionary Lebanese Fections, will face triel without jurors on charges of involvement in the murder of two diplomats in Paris in 1982.

Alps has found a possible — and

Millions of gallons, impounded

last year after the revelation that

antifreeze additive to make them

Mr Toni Kahlbacher, who makes

snow-clearing equipment in Kitz-

smoother, may now be sprayed on the Ministry.

lake of contaminated winc.

to the country's icy roads.

## Students on the march in Shanghai

By Jasper Becker in Shanghai THOUSANDS of chanting stu- Hall which was earlier besieged by have focused on the election of dents demanding greater freedom protesters. and democracy held China's larg-

Still ringing in their ears was assemblies the exhortation from one student Sunday night after a third day of leader, Dai Junyi, from a local medical college, "All of you should open your eyes. We are being suppressed. The Chinese people will not be slaves."

The Government has reacted cautiously to the daring challenge to its authority, which has grown and 30,000 at one point, were for out of a series of smaller protests the most part good-humoured, al- held since the beginning of the though there were reports of spomonth in Hefei, Whan, Kunming, Shandong, Shenzhen and other

demonstrations across China are linked to the December 9 anniversary of the 1936 anti-Japanese student protests, which was also marked by demonstrations in Peking a year ago. The subsequent clampdown in Peking night vigil in the huge, open is thought to have led students in spaces of Shanghai's People's Park, . the provinces to take up the half an hour's walk from the City banner. This year the protests

representatives to local people'

The movement began in earnest in Shanghai a week earlier when police intervened to prevent Chinese and foreigners dancing together at a concert given by the US pop group Jan and Dean. Despite attempts by Shanghai's mayor to calm the students, the protests have grown.

The students tabled four demands during their meeting with the mayor - recognition of the legality of the movement, a promise of no reprisals, a free press and But in a dawn raid on Saturday,

students claimed that police broke up an all-night vigil, arresting 500 students before later releasing 300. The students are now demanding an investigation into police brutality and the release of all

## Long, honourable tradition of protest

THE STUDENTS of Shanghai who climbed over their college walls last weekend to get out on the streets and demonstrate may have had a variety of motives, from the desire for democracy to a complaint about official disapproval of a recent rock concert.

est city, Shanghai, in their grip on

protests, the biggest demonstra-

tions to hit the country since the

end of the Cultural Revolution 10

demonstrations, the protesters, es-

timated to number between 20,000

radic violence. In one incident,

reported by the official New China

News Agency, 31 policemen were

beaten up, and there were at least

seven arrests, while the protesters

Early on Monday morning, in

sub-zero temperatures, groups of

students were maintaining an all-

alleged assaults by police.

Vowing to continue marches and

But they take their place — and most of them know it very well in a long and honourable tradition which is applauded, though rather nervously, by the Communist lead-

The last great upsurge of youthful criticism, in the Democracy Movement of 1979-80, worked to the advantage of Mr Deng Xiaoping and his fellow-reformers by attacking the transitional post-Mao loadership which he was manoeuvring to replace. Indeed, Mr Deng helped to stir it up, until the movement became too "demo-

dissident journals of the kind sold six years ago from Democracy

individualistic and define the fu-

the Cultural Revolution, most of them no longer share that sense of collective deatiny which still susin Peking in 1976, and the acti-

stead of dismissing it as poisonous

bacher got hold of 3,000 litres.

as flavoured antifreeze?

nationally useful - way of dis- wine, he argued to the Ministry of

posing of Austria's embarrassing Public Works, why not think of it

tained the demonstrators against led during the 1960s in a very student movement has always the Gang of Four in the great different direction. When new eco- sooner or later been suppressed, Tiananmen Square demonstration nomic policies had failed to pro- But it is equally true that every But they are as quick as any launched the Culture Revolution tion. Those on vigil last night in

Spiked wine is the salt of the earth

its wine industry.

By Martin Wainwright

By Michael Simmons

heavy-handedness, often in a tone

The chance which the students province, first seized two weeks ago, is offered by the argument now going on within the centra party leadership over the desirability of political reform, and how far it should go. There is a wide divide, only partly masked in the public press, between those who seek real structural reform (perhaps even building in a degree of official opposition to the present system of government) and the more conservative leaders who simply wish to clean out corruption and make the system function

more efficiently. The Hefei students adopted slogan first coined by the Democcratic" and its leaders were impris- racy Movement activist, Wei Jingsheng, who was sentenced in 1979 The latest movement, which can to 15 years in gaol. "No democracy, be traced back to the anti-Japa- no modernisation," they wrote on nese student demonstrations of their banners as they marched to last autumn and winter (also, the Anhui provincial government some believe, officially encour- offices, and called for the right to aged), is less theoretical and more select the representatives chosen diverse. So far, it has produced no in their name by the party for the provincial people's congress.

Mr Deng Xiaoping is really interested in the four economic Chinese students today are more modernisations - industry, agriculture, science and technology, ture mainly in terms of opportuni- and defence. But he and his group, ties for jobs, travel and personal nudged forward by more radical advisers, may have to accept now Only toddlers at the height of that democracy is the indispens-

There is an odd echo from the experience of Mao Tse-tung which duce Socialist plenty and the Great chance to protest against official problems.

own. It dilutes the corrosive effect

Rejecting that solution, Deng Xiaoping thought at first that the economic modernisation of China was a sufficient goal in itself. But more recently he has discovered that - as the Chairman liked to

Yet the models for action on which the Anhui and Shanghai students now base their protest no longer have much to do with Democracy Wall or the Red Guard rallies. With same-day satellite coverage available on Chinese television, they will have watched the recent student demonstrations in Paris and will have heard reports of anti-Moscow riots in

If they are motivated by an -ism, nationality than with a particular political theory. Last year's anti-Japanese demonstrations struck a popular chord. So, in the non-Chinese Uighur in Xinjiang (not many miles from Alma-Ata where the Soviet Muslims have been protesting), did the demonstrations last year against the Chinese nuclear programme.

All of these themes may merge in Shanghai, where the students on the streets are joined by unemployed youth - including many who have returned illegally from the border regions - and where a second wave of penetration by foreign business and tourism arouses as much envy as admira-

From the May 1919 movement which launched the modern Chinese revolution, onwards, every Leap Forward collapsed, Mao launched by a student demonstragroup in the past to seize the as a political solution to China's the People's Park have certainly learned that in their history books.

A BIT of lateral thinking by a government difficulties in getting apray. The mixture proved to have selected roads, to the delight of the snowplough manufacturer in the rid of the confiscated plonk. In- merits which could help to com- Government, which had no idea pensate Austria for the crippling of what to do with its vats of

Apart from its melting power at Scores of bankrupt vinters and low temperatures - minus 28 dealers who were imprisoned for "It sounded crazy at first but Centigrade compared with minus up to 10 years for fraud may find it now we're convinced that it is an six for salt alone - the spray small consolation but their product they had been spiked with an extremely interesting develop- appears to be much less environ- may also help the Austrian balment," said Mr Hannes Drossler of . mentally harmful than salt on its ance of payments,

The risk of the wine's bouquet Although possession of the of the salt on trees and verges and, exhilarating Austria's drivers to spiked wine is illegal, Mr Kahl- reduces contamination of the dangerous levels on icy nights is not thought to be high, although buhel in the Tyrol, thought of the carried out experiments and then Laboratory tests are now to be the spray will be tested in confined solution while reading about offered the ministry a prototype followed by experimental use on streets as well as country roads. , regional problems.

Changes at the top in Vietnam

By Nicholas Cumming-Bruce in Bangkok

VIETNAM'S aixth Communi Party congress last week elected economic reformer, M Nguyen Van Linh, as its general secretary in a step that marks the end of an era in Vietnamese

Mr Linh's appointment followed the resignation of the previous party leader, Mr Troung Chinh and his two top colleagues, the Prime Minister, Mr Pham Var Dong, and the party organiser, M Le Duc Tho, breaking the grip or power of Vietnam's first generation of Communist leaders.

Their departure, along with three other Politburo members including the Defence Minister Mr Van Tien Dung, opens the way if not for a Chinese-style lurch into modernisation, at least a period of transition towards more pragmatic political and economic manage-

Using the rhetoric of recent debate and self-criticism, Mr Linh old departing delegates that the congress marked a turning point in the process of "renovating the

The political report approved by what the Communist Party daily newspaper Nhan Dan hailed as "congress of determination, wis dom, renovation and creativeness also makes clear that the over hauling of the party will now be pursued in the middle ranks to sweep away unqualified old-timer and to purge the corrupt.

The most important survivor the Politburo is the 74-year-old Interior Minister, Mr Pham Hun who moved up one rung to secon place in the new line-up.

What is striking about the man Politburo just elected is the weighty presence of southerners of those who served in the south, who have been closely associated with the pioneering efforts at a more pragmatic, decentralised system of

In addition to Mr Linh, the include Mr Vo Chi Cong. who was head of the Committee for Socialis Transformation in Ho Chi Minh City and in June was promoted to vice-premier for economic affairs in place of the outgoing Politbure members Mr To Huu, and who now seems well-placed for the premier-

Another is Mr Vo Ban Kiet, who once served under Mr Linh in He Chin Minh City before being made chairman of the state planning commission and who proved staunch advocate of reform. third is Mr Mai Chi Tho, younger brother of Le Duc Tho, also former Ho Chi Minh City mayor and a new entrant to the Polithuro

at this congress. The ascendancy of those backing economic reform is not expected to translate into any early shift in Vietnam's policies on Kampuches. clearly seen by Hanoi as aubordinate to the pressing problems

Vietnam feels under pressure demonstrate flexibility in the search for a settlement of the eight-year conflict since Mi Mikhail Gorbachev's Vladivostock initiative diplomats in Hanoi asy.

During a visit to Hanoi for th congress, the Kremlin's chief ide ologist, Mr Yegor Ligachev, spok of the beneficial effects to derived from a normalisation ties between China and Vietnam but also referred to "the fair an reasonable policy of Vietnam, Lace and Kampuchea" towards solving

## Moscow rushes troops to riot city

tral Asian republic of Kazakhstan. scene of nationalist-inspired riots dered to make sharp improve

An extraordinary meeting of the Kazakh government heard that there were serious shortcomings in the republic's housing, trade, and medical services, crop production was below target and consumer goods were in short supply

Mr Mikhail Solomentsev. member of the ruling Politburo Moscow who was sent to the republic after the riots, and Kazakhstan's new Communist Party leader, Mr Gennady Kolbin, both addressed the meeting, the official news agency Tass said.

According to unofficial reports reaching here from the provincial capital, Alma-Ata, at least seven policemen and 13 demonstrators were killed in the riots. The demonstrators, said to number more than 10.000, marched on the Communist Party headquarters on the Wednesday night, broke into the building at three points, and ransacked some offices.

The official Soviet media have According to reports reaching

news programme. Mikhail

Gorbachev's prestige suffered two

severe blows before a nightly

audience of 150 million of his

people. The announcement of the

moratorium on nuclear tests — an

initiative to which he had been

personally committed - dented

Minutes later, the unprecedent-

ed announcement of the riots in

Moscow's rule, but also

Gorbachev himself. Gennady

Kolbin, the Russian who was this

week imposed as the new leader of

replace Brezhnev's old crony,

Dinmukhamed Kunayev, was

The initial Russian reaction was

of surprise that "nationalistic

elements" should be able to incite

Russian city. The vast region of

Kazakhstan, which stretches from

the Caspain to the Urals, contains

The six million Russians slightly

outnumber the native Kazakha.

complex mix of Ukrainians, ethnic

Germans, Uzbeks, Tartars, Kore-

ans and representatives of the rest

of the vast multi-national Soviet

such riots in what is largely

his foreign policy.

Gorbachev's man.

some 15 million people

Sources : here claim that 15 administrative staff who will take over the running of the local Kazkh party.

the predominantly Kazakh students began the demonstrations, study in their local language. The inability, or perhaps the reluctance, of local Kazakh party officials to cool the situation allowed et Union will let "many thouit to escalate into widespread anti-sands" of people emigrate starting

By Martin Walker in Moscow made worse by local food short-ages. Tass reported that one food

Western correspondents, 70,000 store was burned down, but many troops have been rushed to the others are said to have been looted area, none of them from local Kazakh regiments. Troops with first statement after reaching armoured cars occupied the university where the trouble began on ing relations between town and

Alma-Ata last week, carrying a The riots began after the veter- troubles began at the University

Dinnukhamed Kunayev, was re- population of Alma-Ata is Kazakh, placed by Mr Kolbin, a Russian, in a party coup that had been ordered to study in Moscow and Leningrad. Anti-Russian sentiments among tains a disproportionately high

Muscovites with relatives in Almainmates. Russians in the streets in Moscow, said that the Soviet

The riots seem to have been "generously and justly".

Behind the trouble in Kazakhstan

limited agricultural success, and

force Russian control.

populate the land - and to rein-

and so did Kazakh nationalism.

So Kunayev's replacement

Georgia in the 1970s, was asking

for trouble. With the riots, they got

ly ruthless Soviet method of main-

taining public order? There is

speculation in Moscow that local

party officials, fearing the inevit

able Kolbin purge, did little to stop

the initial student demonstrations

and may even have encouraged

establish to what extent Kazakh

nationalism merged into Moscow's

nightmare of an Islamic revival.

permitted on much the same terms

So long as it support Soviet foreign

The Islamic religion is officially

as the Russian Orthodox Church.

In the 1950s, when Brezhnev policy and makes the right noises

was First Secretary, some 300,000 about peace, and does not get

Russian "volunteers" were brought involved in domestic policies, the

But what happened to the usual-

anti-corruption campaigns

spurred by the increasing Russian

Alma-Ata was to insist on restorcountry, which seems to confirm that supplies had not been reach-

He also called for "a greater stronger ties with institutes higher learning in other republics", which seems to confirm the

As a result, the university conpercentage of Kazakha, who can study in their local language. supremo to take charge of its donlings with Congress and inves-

A West German newspaper. on January 1 under new regulations concerning applications for leader. Mr Gorbachev, has ordered that exit applications be handled

under the ambitious virgin lands mullahs are allowed to make their scheme. Although it proved a pilgrimages to Mecca. But in recent years, there has

an ecological disaster, it helped to been growing evidence of an underground and militant Islam of itinerant mullahs and Koran study Brezhnev's lieutenant in that groups. Radio Tehran broadcasts process was Kunayev, who was the Ayatollah's sermons from just finally retired last week from the across the border, and the war in post he had held for over 20 years Afghanistan gives the Islamic isas First Secretary of Kazakhstan. sues a personal and frightening Under him, a vast network of dimension to every Muslim conofficial corruption developed — script. Last month, Mr Gorbachev

settlement, and by the tenacity of lecture party officials in the neighbouring republic of Uzbekistan, to condemn those who went to the mosques and to degle against all manifestations of religious phenomena". That was followed by Soviet press reports of draft evasion in Uzbekistan.

> What is significant about this is that Uzbekistan has already gone through the purge of party ranks which Kazakhstan now fears. The can field, Senator Sam Nunn of fact that the purge took place | Georgia said he would make up his without unrest in Uzbekistan, where Islam seemed much more powerful and the Russian settlers far less prominent, doubtless convinced Mr Gorbachev and his ic frontrunner, weighed into the supporters that they would meet little opposition to last week's party coup in Kazakhstan.

They proved, quite dramatically, to be mistaken. It was a mistake

### Sen. Dole tells Reagan to 'clean the air'

By Alex Brummer and Michael White in Washington

President George Bush under come to grips with the Iran-contra Capitol Hill, led a chorus of voices "clean the air" so that the US

tigators looking into the Iran-

pack to displace Vice-President Bush as the favourite for the said: "There's still a lot of sion out there, still a feeling he has to do something bold himself to image as a strong leader has not been enhanced by apparent sug-

The frustrated President, whose critical faculties are now being

President was recognised by Mr his boss "just a superman. Bush at the weekend. He told correspondents aboard Air Force Two that he recognises he is "no longer frontrunner" in the race for the 1988 Republican nomination. But he forcefully rejected the notion that his reputation and that of President Reagan will continue

to suffer as "complete nonsense." Nevertheless, the President's reluctance to go before the American people with what he now knows and the confusing series of leaks has changed the Presidential poll-

In addition to Senator Dole's mind whether to run for the Senator Gary Hart, the Democratdebate with a wide ranging attack foreign policy-making.

that bodes ill for Mr Gorbachev's again with further disclosures hopes of encouraging cautious about US diplomatic moves in the anything like that to kidnap peoliberalisation and more freedom of Iran-Iraq war. The Washington ple and lock em in cages all over

late November and early December - in the wake of the exposure of the US-Iran arms connection At the same time, there were suggestions that in addition to supplying intelligence data to Iraq Iran's opponent in the Gulf war the US has also provided quantities of arms in exchange for Soviet

partment had begun sending peace

signals to Iran via Switzerland in

closer relationship with Baghdad than previously revealed, adding be raised by Congressional investi-The White House announced last wook that President Reagon

return to Bethesda naval hospital for minor surgery for an enlarged prostate which has given him discomfort in recont weeks. He will enter the hospital in Maryland for three or four days after cutting short his New Year's break in California on January 4. in a colculated effort to dampon

predictable speculation about the 75-year-old President's health in the worst crisis of his administration, White House spokesman Mr Larry Speakes said the occasion of tion after his colon cancer opera- the "non-urgent" transurethral resection would also be used to do nuthorised an arms shipment to the President's 18-month routine check on his colon

In full pursuit of the Contragate openly questioned in the news- corps did not raise any possipaper columns, told Senator Dole bility that the President's medical in a recent meeting that "people problems might, in any way, triglike, but they don't believe in me." ger his resignation - an event by President Reagan and the Vice- the presidency. Mr Speakes called

revelations. The day the irangate affair broke. Colonel North burst claimed to have ordered relatives of high Iranian officials to be kidnapped and held in crates throughout Europe, presumably including Britain, where the ubi quitous colonel's links have this week already compromised the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, Mr Terry Waite.

The idea, the Los Angeles Times reported, was that they, and not arms, could be traded for America's hostages. So shocked was the colleague, Mr David Major, National Security Council specialist in counter-terrorism, that he repeated Colonel North's highly convincing account to colleagues before concluding it was yet another of the fantasies now being alleged against the central figure in the scandal.

"The NSC has no such plans or

## Clampdown on press 'radicals'

extraordinary defence of weekend, blaming "radicals" and most of its present woes.

In half-page advertisements - headed "the facts in true rather than the "moderates" perspective" - the Government conceded that the six-month state of emergency had still not defused what it described as a "revolutionary climate" in South Africa.

"Under current circumstances violence and unrest if the state of individuals within the established manently."

emergency were now to be lifted." media and organs of the alternaits it said. Describing the conflict in tive media who strongly believe clampdown on the press at the the country as "primarily a strug- that the media should be overtly "revolutionaries" in the media for tional arms", it protested that objectives of the radical revolu-"most of the media" - despite the emergency - had continued to promote the cause of the "radicals"

> Expressing "respect" for what it tudes towards the government of the day", the advertisement added:

gle of perceptions, not of conven- and covertly used to promote the Insisting that the struggle in

South Africa was between "moderates and radicals", the ad- by plainclothes police on the vertisement concluded by advising Sowetan, City Press, and the calls "the bona fide inclination of the media to "decide which side Weckly Mail - prohibits them the media to adopt critical atti- they are on. In so doing they from publishing any report, pamshould bear in mind that were the phlet, comment or advertisement radicals ever to win, freedom of the or any other news in connection press would be the first victim. It with campaigns for a "Christmas would disappear totally and per- against the Emergency."

By David Beresford in Johannesburg

on what the Government described as organs of the "alternative media". The new orders - served

Meanwhile, as predicted, the

draconian new Press Laws follows South Africa's biggest chain store. the issue of new orders by the OK Bazaars, is developing into one country's police chief at the week- of the more bitter industrial disend, further tightening restrictions putes in recent labour history hore. The strike is spreading fast and the union involved - the Commercial. Catering and Allico Workers Union — claims that rice police are being deployed at all

> This story was written under South Africa's state of emergency which imposes severe reporting restric-

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By David Hirst in Beirut

Lebanon is concerned, it is the householder, it all adds up to a "war of the camps" which captures cost-of-living increase over two the attention of the outside world. three million cynical inhabitants from 75 lira to 250 lira, tomatoes - for almost everyone, that is, from 10 to 40, and sugar from 4.5

except the Shi'ite and Palestinian combatants, the campdwellers and the Christian villagers of Maghdousheh — it is just another my village," said a resident of round in a perpetual conflict whose protagonists and localities may be forever changing, but whose forms It is not their concern because,

happily, it is not this time, their and unscrupulous pharmaceutical region, their city quarter, their companies employ workers fullstreet, or, ultimate egoism, just time to change the labels on their house that is under assault. The only war that concerns all Lebanese is the one which they call the "war of starvation". It has inflation, wages tend to maintain a September Mr Kinnock rejected threatens to be devastating. In the with prices. But not in Lebanon, minds of most people it is literally where labour unions are agitating that: a deliberate, systematic at- for an increase of only 43 per cent after 111/2 years, they have failed to win with their ever-growing the highest paid civil servant in Washington's overall concerns. arsenals. The warlords all but admit as much.

Chamoun, the elder statesman of the Christian community, blamed the other side and, in particular, offering a salary of 10,000 lira a | than the New Zealand case which a year before the Greek elections Karami, because of his continued boycott of President Amin compared with the £140-plus, at ist Government came to power themselves off from the one super-Gemayel and the political and 1,100 lira, it was worth two years | there five years ago under Mr power which, for all its doublethough that meant starving the Chamoun said, then it would not be the Christians. "We shall be steadfast to the end."

Meanwhile the main yardstick of economic calamity, the national currency, is beginning its second nosedive of the year. For the first nine years of the civil war, the Lebanese lira had held remarkably steady, at four of five lira to the dollar. But now, every time the political situation deteriorates, it takes a new tumble.

From July to November, during a period of revived hopes for a political settlement, it held at 45 to the dollar. Then, in three disastrous weeks, it touched an all-time low of 70 to the dollar. The currency dealers may, some of them, be a party to a sinister political conspiracy, but such dark theories are not necessary to explain what happens.

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The Lebanese currency market is so narrow that it is extremely vulnerable to manipulation for profit. A mere £35,000, injected or withdrawn, can raise or lower the rate of exchange by one lira. The dealers have at their disposal Lebanon's very own "Euro-lira", some eight to 10 billion of them, held abroad in their sole capacity of bargaining chips, ammunition for what, in effect if not intent,

The impact on a country which still imports two-thirds of its largest single export-earner, some that Turkey would be completely \_ Three months later during the needs, compared with a full 90 per £422 million worth of hashish that unrestrained in what the Greeks Easter recess in the US-Greek cent in its halcyon days, has been comes entirely fromthe Syrian- believe are its aspirations to take talks, Turkish and American jets ready to risk an occasional incom- Next year, the Government has to its coastline. ing mortar bomb or missile in to find 25 billion lira for a budget Christian Lebanon, plus kidnap- which, of itself, is an unproductive deployed opposite Greece rather to resume, it was a reminder of find a sun-drenched financial pararestaurants for £3 or £4. A bottle of mercial banks. Its internal borrowwould cost him a little under £2. explosive rate that a debt which surely the cheapest in the world. billion lira by October.

NATURALLY enough, where But, for the average Lebanese years of between 250 and 300 per But for the bulk of this country's cent. A kilo of mutton has risen

Local produce can be quite as inflationary as imported goods. "In Syrian-controlled territory, "a kilo of olives was three lira two years ago. Today it is 24 lira."

Supermarkets sometimes change their prices twice a day, medicines whose life-span has ex-

increase, since the last one, of 150 per cent. The public prosecutor, more sensitive and central to the land, earns 16,000 lira a month | Washington felt so strongly about - about £169. Last week a news- New Zealand, it would be sure to Last month, Mr Camille paper advertisement invited high- respond to Labour, and not just in ly qualified computer engineers to words. apply for jobs with an IBM affiliate Yet there is a better analogy

Unemployment is officially esti- promised, when in opposition, to potential restraining factor Lebanese". If it was a question of mated at 35 per cent — an work for Greece's total withdrawal against a Turkish junta with optimistic figure — yet some from Nato, close American bases, expansionist ambitions. 70,000 Egyptians, 45,000 Sri and remove their nuclear weapons. Lankans, plus other Asians, stay For good measure he also offered to Papandreou decided not to close on for about £18 a month, if only | hold a referendum on withdrawal the bases quickly but to negotiate because it could now take many of from the EEC.

ably still qualify as the best which is likely to face Mr Kinnock cations centre for the Sixth Fleet educated, most energetic and re- if he takes power here. Mr Papan- at Nea Makri, an intelligence sourceful in the Arab world, is still dreou's election victory was over- gathering facility at Heraklion in in some ways quite rich. At £2.46 | whelming. His party was united, billion, its gold reserves in Fort | and there were no influential the four, a naval and air base at

billion in foreign investments. But dom of the official line. It was only 1982 between Yannis Kapsis, a its foreign currency earnings have seven yers since the collapse of the former journalist who had been recently taken a terrible knock. military dictatorship, widely as- imprisoned by the dictatorship, The £1.4 to £1.7 billion which its sumed to have been backed by and Reginald Bartholomow, the emigre workers in the Gulf and Washington, and Mr Papandreou's State Department's special envoy. elsewhere used to send home has policy rested on a broader basis of For the first few months they plummeted to some £352 million, public mistrust of American mo- proceeded cautiously, but in Feb thanks both to the collapse in oil | tives than prevails in Britain. Five ruary 1983 the Reagan Adminisprices and the fear which years later all the US bases and tration dropped a bombshell. I

now inspire in host governments. Yet Lebanon still earns more in | So what made Mr Papandreou and while limiting credits to Greece to foreign exchange than its Syrian his Panhellenic Socialist Move- the previous year's \$282 million, neighbour, with more than three times the population.

Though the society may be rich. the state is poor - and racing gue that Greece obtains no bene- what Turkey received. towards bankruptcy. It cannot, fits from being in Nato, but they despite political pressures to do so, now say that to withdraw would be with a letter to Mr Reagan, touch the gold reserves, because, worse. Yugoslavia, in spite of being warning that this could undermine economiets say, that would finally a founder-member of the Non- the negotiations and upset the destroy what little confidence is aligned Movement, would not welleft in its financial institutions. It | come a non-aligned Greece, they region with unpredictable conseamounts to a war against the does not get a penny from what, say, for fear this would upset the quences." However, he did not talk with the devastation of Lebanese geopolitical power in the Balkans. of closing the bases or make any industry, has become Lebanon's For Greece itself, the anxiety is other threats.

The Government has turned in Greeks are particularly worried by was on, and what threats Greece dise. He could eat in the best desperation to the country's com- the Fourth Aegean Army, with 147 might face. The US was still at whisky, because it is smuggled, ing is now increasing at such an off the Turkish coast. Petrol, because it is subsidised, is stood at a mere 500 million lira in the main factor inhibiting a more about 40p a gallon. Electricity, at a 1979 has risen to 46 billion lira at radical Greek line on the bases and Although its time limit was down:

## The US bases that stayed

AS LABOUR'S non-nuclear de- anxiety that neutralism would which had once seemed doomed. sections of the British media, the "New Zealand analogy" is being Kinnock's supporters. David entry of American nuclear-armed warships into New Zealand's wa- stretched deep into a largely ters last year aroused an astonishingly flerce reaction in

ist terms of undermining the coun- one from abroad. For 30 years try's security. The United States Greece has received all its tanks, threatened economic retaliation. It small arms, aircraft and vehicles refused New Zealand future pro- from the United States. To change tection under the ANZUS pact. To suppliers would in itself be an many observers in London this upheaval, so that this commitment heavy compaign looked like the by PASOK was already a major dress rehearsal for what a non- step towards maintaining a fundanuclear British Labour Party mental relationship with the would face. The fact that during United States. In most countries with hyper- the Blackpool party conference in stolen up on them as suddenly as it more or less constant relationship the notion of similarly banning the Turkish lever dominated the American nuclear-armed vessels security debate between Athens from Britain was not thought to and Washington. The military invalidate the analogy. What his coup in Ankara which Washington tempt by the warlords to win, by to compensate for a cost-of-living party is proposing touches on almost certainly helped into being aspects of US policy which are far

Knox rank twentieth in the world. | voices in the leadership who se- Suda Bay in Crete. Its citizens hold at least £14 | cretly or openly doubted the wis-Lebanese, especially the Shi'ites, nuclear weapons remain in Greece. announced a doubling of military Greece is still a member of Nato. aid to Turkey (to \$930 million)

Mr Kinnock have better luck? Senior ministers in Athens ar- Greece be kept at 70 per cent

than the Soviet Union and the which side the US considered i

fence plans come under increasing discourage foreign investment. A The United States ended up by pressure from the Government, the third one has been the potential doing more in exchange than reaction of the Greek military. Although the services' top leadership has already been purged by laterally made. The Administra scrutinised closely by many of Mr Mr Papandreou's conservative predecessor, Constantine Karamanlis, Lange's determination to block the after the dictatorship fell in 1974, suspicion of Mr Papandreou American-trained officer corps.

Before his election victory, Mr Papandreou had calmed the army's New Zealand's prime minister fears by promising to do nothing to was accused in deliberately alarm- inhibit the supply of modern weap-

In large part real, but also

First of two articles by Jonathan Steele

month. At 2.250 lira, the mini- has been strangely overlooked - eased the American path. It made mum wage is worth about £21, the experience of Greece. A Social- the Greeks more leary of cutting Andreas Papandreou who had dealing, was still the only

Early on Prime Minister their removal. They consist of 20 them years to earn the price of a | In some ways his task on the ancillary sites and four large morrow of that election victory in installations, an air base at Hel-Yet Lebanon, whose people prob- October 1981 was easier than that lenikon near Athens, a communi-Crete, and, the most important of

Negotiations began in October ment (PASOK) change, and would unless the previous Congressional insistence that military aid to

The Prime Minister respond "already fragile stability in the

control of the Aegean islands close made a dramatic violation of Greek air space in the Aegean. A Most of Turkey's forces are week before the negotiations were landing craft which are anchored that stage insisting on a 10-year. renewal period for the bases.

Concern about Turkey has been Agreement on the bases was third of a penny a kilowatt-hour, is the beginning of this year and 66 on nuclear weapons. A second to five years, the Americans had issue has been money, and the obtained the renewal of bases

restoring the proportionate cuts in military aid which they had uniseven-to-10 ratio of aid during th lifetime of the agreement.

Greece made some gains in enhancing its sovereignty on points of detail. The Americans must supply information on the bases' mission. US military per-Greece have to be tried there, Greece has the right to suspend operations at the bases in a

The Greeks describe the treat as "an agreement to remove the bases" while the Americans call i one to preserve them. The Greek say it is unique in not talking about potential extension, but they have to give five months' formal notice to end it. The American will have 17 months after January 1, 1989, to close down the bases The Americans say they will be able to call for a new treaty.

The American nuclear warheads, which are assigned to Greek units, (164 according to reliable unofficial sources in 1985). are still in place. Mr Papandreou has been trying to organise nuclear-free zone in the Balkans. and until all chances for an agreement are exhausted he declines to take any unilateral step. Here, too, it is Turkey, with US support, which is resisting the move. Some 489 nuclear warheads

are stored there.

Greece's maintenance of the status quo on the bases and the nuclear weapons does not mean it an easy ally for the rest of NATO. It refuses to take part in NATO exercises in the Aegean and on a whole range of issues it continues to stand out and exert the principles of non-alignment. Mr Papandreou has always described the CIA-backed colonels' coup, in Greece in 1967 as a consequence of the division of Europe, and puts it on a par with the Soviet-led invasion of Czechoslovakia a year later. He resists every effort to be dragooned into taking common stands with the rest of NATO if he thinks they are animated by Cold War prejudic

(e.g. sanctions against Poland) or

by US global ambitions (e.g. pressures on Libya). He was the only NATO leader to reject the accision to deploy Amorican cruise and Pershing missiles in Europe. He is the only one to participate in the Five Continents' Initiative (with Argentina, India, Mexico, Tanzania and Sweden) which has been trying to

obtain a superpower test ban: It would be foolish therefore to see his acceptance of the status quo which he inherited as capitulation. Within the limits of what is possible he continues to seek an independent way. But the fact remains that on the issues greatest sensitivity to the United States, he has changed his line and given way. Not for nothing do the cynics in Athens claim that the Americans would rather have b in power - a left-winger who accepts the US bases, and thus makes Americans hegemony Western Europe appear unchal lengable — than a rightwin Prime Minister against whom Mr Papandreou would be free to

mobilise from outside. Was that a fair assessment, asked him during his visit to London for the European Commu nity summit the other day? would rather not answer that question," he smiled. It was the only question which he felt he wanted to duck.

Next week; Mr Papandreou speaks

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## Lifar — last of the Diaghilev line

SERGE LIFAR, who died in Lau-fruitful career as principal sanne last week at the age of 81. choreographer of the Paris Opéra was the last of Diaghilev's great Ballet which lasted for a quarter of male dancers, and the architect of the Paris Opéra Ballet that we know today.

A colourful personnalité bien by Jacques Rouché and soon beparisienne, he had a genius for came director of the troupe. being always in the limelight and Rouché knew his company badly did, on occasion, resort to prima needed an infusion of new blood, donna tactics to score over rival for it had fallen into decline and dancers or indulge in such media- become little more than a frivolous delighting exploits as his celebrat- entertainment and a happy hunted duel with another supreme ing ground for dandles in search of showman, the Marquis de Cuevas. danseuses to "protect". But, fundamentally, he was a Lifar changed all that. He insisgreat artist whose contribution to ted that ballet be taken as a

getting himself into the group of lent school. her "five best male pupils". Nijinhave much technique, he had, Nina Vyroubova.

strengthen his dancing.

artistic education and insisted on a Ballet de Monte Carlo. nose operation further to enhance Without Lifar, however, the Parthe beauty of his face. He was is Opéra Ballet began to go down, blessed with high cheekbones, a and Georges Hirsch soon called full mouth, big slanting eyes and him back. He gave his last perforlustrous black hair. His figure mance at the Opera in Giselle thickened in middle age but his (Albrecht was one of his greatest looks never really faded. And he roles) on December 5, 1956, and never lost his charm.

Le Fils Prodigue (1929).

1929, that he was to embark on a Karsavina, and Spessivtseva.

Lifar was appointed principal dancer at the Paris Opéra in 1930

be turned down so long as the Born in Kiev in 1905, he took his curtain was up, banned the first lessons there with Bronislava abonnés from the Foyer de la Nijinska (sister of Nijinsky) at the Danse (to their fury), and set about age of 16, and after she rejoined building a repertory and develop-Diaghilev continued to work by ing the talents of young dancers himself. Typically, he succeeded in emerging from the Opéra's excel-

Between 1930 and 1957, he ska summoned these five as re- staged more than 50 new ballets. K-K3 3 Q-K8. cruits for the Diaghilev Ballet dancing many leading roles him-Russe in 1923 — although she self, but also displaying the gifts of WORLD champlon Gary Kasparov and hated him, and said he wasn't even such artists as Lycette Darsonval, Artur Yusupov were the players who in the top 10. But even if he did not supremely Yvette Chauviré, and carried the Soviet Union to gold 13 B-N2 R-N1 14 Q-B2 RxBI

stage presence, and it was this at the Opéra despite the German physical allure that captivated occupation, not because he had any pro-Nazi sympathies but because Lifar soon succeeded Anton he needed, then as always, an Dolin in Diaghilev's affections, and audience. He danced for applause, was given rigorous training to not for politics. But, in 1944, he was fired and turned his attention Diaghilev also supervised his to the formation of Le Nouveau

finally left the Opera in 1958.

Lifar was promoted premier Lifar was the author of many danseur of the Ballet Russe in books. Among them were Serge 1925, and for him, at Diaghilev's Diaghilev (1939), the second part beheat, Balanchine choreographed of which, called With Diaghilev, is the title roles in Apollo (1928) and autobiographical; Carlotta Grisi (1941); Griselle (1942); L'Histoire He made his first experiments in du Ballet Russe (1945); and Les | won by Karl Rohan and Kurl Feichchoreography with Diaghilev but. Trois Graces du XXe Siècle (1959) tinger (Austria) with a convincing score it was after the latter's death, in about his goddesses Pavlova, of over 65 per cent; Mari and Levy

### Chess

By Leonard Barden

any defence (by C. P. Swindley, 1985). magazine of the British Chess Problem bers. For information, write to the BCPS at 14 Newton Park Drive, Leeds

Solution No. 1937: White K at QR8, Q at QR4, R ( KB7. P at KN5. Black K at Q4, Ps a Q3 and K4. Mate in three. 1 R-QR7 . . K-K3 2 Q-K4 P-Q4, 3 Q-N6. If K-B4 2 R-B7 ch K-Q (K-N3 3 B6) 3 Q-B4. If 1 . . . P-K5 2 R-R5 ch

medals at the chess Olympics in already, an extraordinary, exotic During the war, Lifer danced on Dubal, in spite of the strong challenge position, but this time for White's other from England and the US. Judged by bishop.

raditional USSA standards, the rest of their team had indifferent performances. There were rumours of tension in the camp due to the well-known R-Q2 P-Q61 antipathy between Kasparov and Karpov and the position of Andre

Sokolov as challenger to both Russian point totals were Kasparov 81/2 out of 11, Karpov and Sokolov 6/9 Yusupov 10/12, Vaganian 7/10 and Cheshkovsky 21/2/5. Kasparov lost US champion Selrawan, Karpov weni down to Ljubojevic of Yugoslavia, while Sokolov and Vaganian were crushed by Nunn and Chandler in games

Naturally, there were still occasion when Kasparov played like a true world champion; here he outclasses

GM Julio Granda Zuniga (Peru) GM Gary Kasparov (USSR) QP, Neo-Grunfeld (Dubal 1986) 1 N-KB3 N-KB3 2 P-KN3 P-KN3 B-N2 B-N2 6 P-Q4 5 P-84 P-Q4

Here 6 PxP is more precise, conc ing Black less chance for active play. 7 N-R3 P-B6 9 N-K5 N-B3I 11 Q-Q3 10 NXN PXN The obvious 11 BxP? is a book trap B-R6I 12 R-K1 N-Q4I so that If 13 Bx NxP 14 Q-Q3 QxB 15 P-B3 BxP ci

when Black's strong position

18 N-N1 return material, for if 18

19 PxB Q-R3 21 Q-N5 QxQ 23 B-R4 P-B7 25 Resigns

After Kesparovian lactics, a simple endgame win. If 25 B-N3 B-B6 and B Q7 forces White to surrender his bishop for the pawn. England's disaster against Spair gave the United States a clear lead

with a real chance for gold. The US Chess Federation has resolved to withdraw in mid-Olympics unless FIDE took effective action against Dubal's refusal of Israeli visas FIDE instead adopted a compromise proposal that organisers not quaran teeing visas for all would require a 7 per cent FIDE vote rather than simple majority to approve their event

GM Yasser Selrawan (US) -- IM Ardiansyah (Indonesia)

|   | King's Indian Defence (Dubai 1986 |                |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------|
|   | P-QB4 N-KB3                       | 2 P-Q4 P-KN3   |
|   | 3 N-QB3 B-N2                      | 4 P-K4 P-Q3    |
|   | 5 P-B3 0-0                        |                |
|   | 7 P-Q5 N-R4                       | 8 KN-K2 P-KB4  |
| 3 | 9 Q-Q2 N-Q2                       | 10 0-0-0 KN-B3 |
| 1 | 11 P-KR3 PxP                      | 12 PxP P-QR3   |
| 1 | 13 P-KN4 P-GN4                    | 14 N-N3 PxP    |
|   | 15 P-N5 N-K1                      | 16 BxP N-N3    |
|   | 17 B-K2 B-Q2                      | 18 P-KR4 Q-K2  |
|   | 19 QR-BI RxR ch                   | 20 RxR B-N4    |
|   | 21 NxB PxN                        | 22 P-N3 Q-Q2   |
| 1 | 23 K-N1 R-N1                      | 24 P-R5 P-B4   |
| ď | 25 PxP sp QxP                     | 26 P-R6 B-R1   |
|   | 27 B-N4 P-Q4                      | 28 BxN Rosigns |
|   |                                   |                |

ending. Having cashed my nine red-

suit tricks the position could be

ALWAYS enjoy taking part in what has become the most important European pairs event, the Cino del Duca. Mme Cino del Duca has been promoting this competition in memory of her late husband, who loved the game of bridge, and 550 pairs took the places at the Palais Chaillot in Paris for the 1986 competition.

The Cino del Duca is a difficult contest to win because of the short distance: it is only a two session event. and you need to play extremely well year always contain many famous (France) were second with 65 per cent

Dominant trend. Including this

man: It has four cases (10).

for evening at home? (6, 6).

13. Shepherd's dish, a sort of loaf

14. A Catholic success - go wild

16. Used rivel to effect bondage (9).

round the door (10).

3. Country, river, mountain (4).

Kantar and Robinson (USA) were seventh, and the best British perforwho came 17th.

I played in the event with my good triend Stefan Ballan of France. We a poor first session which left plenty of month the Sappers, Your Majesty room for improvement, and managed to jump 150 places in the second 2. Snare to put in head of Frenchsession. One of my most humiliating experiences occurred on the following 4. Held two ports to prevent revolutivulnerable.

| tion? (4, 3, 5).  |                       |                               |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| <ol><li>Swine turns up, wanderin<br/>with no date, between Al</li></ol> | g Alps<br>ps and WEST | EAST                          |
| sea (9). 7. Refusal lo America is co<br>sense (4).                      |                       | <b>♥</b> KJ3<br><b>♦</b> QJ94 |
| 8. Giant to love dancing girl (2  | 2-2). 4 1098          | ♣ K,432                       |
| 11. Wave following — terrible   | danger   WEST NORTH   | EAST SOUT                     |

21. Inferior new or second-hand piece |

(1) I do not consider this hand to be 👗 K 6 an opening bid, but my partner likes to 🚜 5 get things under way whenever he can count 12 or 13 points. (2) I was not sure whether I was on my way to 6H or

(3) I was determined not to be done out of my alam, but I was half hoping that the opponents would excrifice in

Fortunately, my left-hand opponent chose a neutral heart lead, and I thought I was in with a chance. The king of spades and the ace of clubs were obviously in the North hand. If North's club fielding was something like A-Q-J, A-Q-x-x or A-J-x-x, I could visualise a perfect pseudo-squeeze

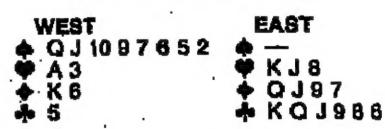
would then play a club towards dummy and, not knowing that my ace mance was by Hackett and Sowter of spades was singleton, North would be certain to go up with the ace and exit with her remaining dub, enabling me to make the last trick with the established ten of clubs.

immaterial

Excited by the prospect of this brilliant coup. I won the heart lead and cashed all my hearts and diamonds noting with interest that North discardhand dealt by East with East-West ed four spades and one club. I then prepared for the kill, and led a club towards dummy's doubleton king --only for North to show out!

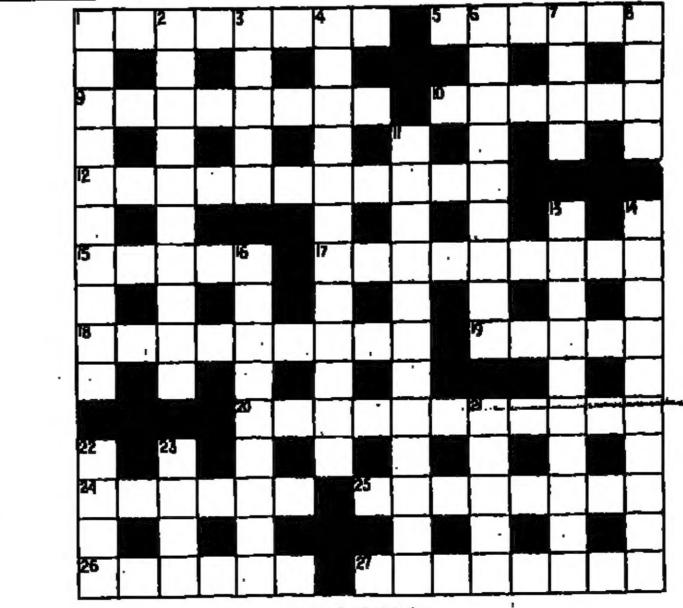
"Take your club tricks," I said to South, for I was anxious to shorten the agony. "No," said the lady on my left, "you must play the hand out." I felt like hitting her, instead of which I had to enter 6NT-4 on the travelling score

One of the winners' many good results came on the following hand, dealt by East at love all.



Playing a Strong Club system Rohan and Feichtinger bld 1D-4S-no bld, although I would have thousan that the West hand was too strong for an immediate jump to 4S.

North led a small heart, and Kurl Feichtinger played for the only chance He won in hand with the ace and immediately finessed dummy's jack o hearts, which held the trick. The king o hearts then provided a parking place for West's singleton club, and he was home for the loss of two spades an one diamond. +420 was an exceller result on the board.



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**ACROSS** 1. Non-glossy hair of flock, perhaps 5. Drink, for example, when medal's

returned (3, 3). 1, 10, 19, paintings, maybe, take 24. Number hardly equal to supplying quiet step like 1 across (8, 6). 12. Student in alarm that's given by

the Pope (7, 4). 15. Speeds often threatened with abo-

17. Try the last sound ever? (9).

18. Seabird gets round in Welsh river in time for lotus-eaters (9). 19. Wife having to pay her share? (5). 20. Wile hits log, getting wrecked off South coast (4, 2, 5).

applause (6). 26. Parrot-bill (the plant: "parrol" 's in a different page (5-3). Set animal to importune (6). 27. Jealous viewer, even in colour, to

a point (5, 3),

ENROBING BEAGLE SOUBORN LAWRENCE ATHENS FARTRNN ROCKBALMON GOOSEY HEARHEAD TITBUT MARTINE T B A B C L STEALS ASWANDAM

22, 23. Blackleg poet sheathes sword MOTORALL CRAVEN

industrial base.

against the home-made Nimrod airborne early warning system and in favour of the American Awacs. The last ditch stand of Mr Jim Prior, the chairman of GEC which produces the Nimrod avionics, has been to no avail. Contracts are being cancelled. Jobs will be lost. Britain moves out of this highly specialised area of technology, and abandons the export potential of the proposed arrangement between GEC and Lockheed

The Defence Secretary, Mr Younger, dressed up his statement to Parliament with much sadness and regret and tribute to GEC. It made no difference to the bottom line: his advice from his Ministry of Defence experts was unanimous; for him the ultimate decision was therefore not a difficult one. This is a sad decision to have to take, but I have no doubt that it is the right one." He used the presently fashionable Tory defence language, from the paramountcy of the defence criteria to the military threat. is as though in this single area of political decision-making the language of compromise so central to government is absent, as though here alone there are absolutes.

It is indeed a sad day for our high-tech

The absolute so much referred to in Mr

Nimrad \_\_ loss than the whole truth THE much-trailed decision has been an- staff requirement. It was as though this had could be achieved in the time GEC had been handed down on a tablet of stone. The stated. The emphasis was on the defence

two systems had not been compared, stressed the Defence Secretary; they had each been compared with ASR400. Boeing matched up; Nimrod did not convince. This is all good, everyday defence staff-speak. It says that there are Requirements, and that these must be met. End of debate. Though Mr Younger never let on, this is,

of course, far from reality. Defence staffs do not lay down requirements and get them. Compromise is as much a part of their world as it is of welfare, of taxation levels, or road building programmes. There is not a level of spending, or a level of performance, which provides complete defence, and is therefore approved. If defence staff "requirements" were holy writ then we would have more tanks and more ships. Defence is about matching desired objectives against economic and political reality. Mr Younger seemed to suggest that this was not the

Nimrod was simply a hopeles, inefficient case then there would be no argument. But Younger's statement was ASR400, the air results, and his lack of confidence that this offset arrangements. We shall see.

requirement during hostilities, as though a year or two was life and death. Yet the Shackletons now in use are already obsolescent, and the first Awacs will not be delivered until 1991. Again, Mr Younger was not giving all the facts in the House when he talked about cost. The supposedly sacrosanct defence requirement is for eight Awacs, costing £1050m. But the Defence Secretary announced the ordering of six, for £860m. He will see if he can afford the other

two. So much for the "requirement". Ultimately, the experts' views have been accepted as outweighing the cost to this country in jobs, technology, and exports. The decision has been taken after an enormous amount of money has been spent, and it has granted Boeing a worldwide monopoly which will earn them vast profits for decades to come. When the contracts with Boeing come to be signed he must make very sure that the offset arrangements, whereby Boeing spend £130 in this Of course it is important that Britain has country for every £100 they are paid for an areial defence system which works, and if their aircraft, is watertight. Otherwise week's decision will have cause for bitter-Mr Younger said again that Nimrod does ness. Mr Younger said job losses caused by work. The problem, he said, was a failure to Nimrod cancellation will be equalled or achieve a consistent and reliable pattern of exceeded by new jobs through the Boeing

## The onus is on the Americans

AFTER 500 days the self-imposed moratorium on nuclear testing by the Soviet Union may be about to end. That would not imply any worsening of relations between the superpowers, as the Soviet ambassador in sive test ban. Reagan is the first President Washington has tried to make clear; and since Truman not to have paid at least lipthere is still time for the US to start service to the idea. The first hurdle was negotiations which, irrespective of whether verification. The Russians could not be it tests more weapons, would postpone a trusted not to cheat. When seismologists Soviet resumption. The stated object of began to say they could distinguish a Soviet successive Soviet leaders is that parity, test from an earthquake, and the Russians nothing more, should exist between the two conceded something on inspection, the sides, and there is no reason to disbelieve grounds changed. The Pentagon said that, that. Gorbachev is the first to put flesh on verification or no, it needed to go on testing the dry bone by his startling proposals at for military reasons. There may be truth in Reykjavik in which parity would be main- that if indeed the weapon design of the tained at a fraction of the present level. But 1970s relied on continued updating of the the corollary is that if the United States is warheads. But the military reasons did not modernising its hardware (by going ahead, impress a majority in the House of Reprefor example, with the mobile Midgetman sentatives, which voted 258-148 for negotiamissile) so must the USSR. Even if tions on a ban, and 234-155 for a year's ban Gorbachev believes he has all the missiles in any case. They do not impress the group unfortunately in others, the American

the military that technical parity was being no reason, therefore, why they should

The onus is on the US to make clear the grounds for its opposition to a comprehencould require, he would still have to satisfy at the US position early this year. There is much going for it.

impress anybody else.

It seems more than smart PR when the Soviet ambassador says he understands the administration's reluctance to stop testing and therefore proposes a phased reduction instead. It is of a piece with the serious Soviet approach to divisive questions which reached its peak (so far) at Reykjavik. The assumption is that the administration's enthusiasm for repeated testing is to devise a nuclear motor for the laser weapons envisaged in the Star Wars programme.

Yet if the Russians were to compete in this field they would need such a motor too. If they are willing to renounce the proposition the US should do so too. For if there is any cheating on the Soviet side (which seismologists say they would detect) would not be too late, even if it were at his command that any deterrent posture of 25 Nobel laureates who publicly protested administration does not at present have

### Hard Lucca

ITALIANS have been agog at the spectacle of the squabbling contenders for the estate (which includes the rights from his operas) of Giacomo Puccini, who died 62 years ago, Claimant number one is the illegitimate daughter of Puccini's own illegitimate son, Antonio. Last year, after 12 years' litigation, she established her legal right to be known as Simonetta Puccini - and she is not going to let anyone come between her and the

But she has a problem. When Antonio Puccini died in 1946, he left his father's money and property to his wife, a Milanese baroness. When she in turn died, without children, the Puccini estate went to her brother, the Baron Livio dell'Anna. Now the baron, a Riviera socialite, has died in a Milan hospice, bequeathing everything to no less a figure than his lifetime butler. So this latterday Figaro now becomes the owner not only of Puccini's possessions (including his villa at Torre de Lago in the Tuscan coastal pinewoods) but of the rights to his operas including La Boheme, Tosca, Madame But terfly, and Turandot. And, if that were not enough, a third claimant has now entered the competition. The Puccini Foundation which thought it had the rights to Puccini's birthplace in Lucca and to the composer's villas and which exists to perpetuate his memory as a musician, is also anxious to protect itself against the granddaughter and the butler. As a result, a Lucca court has sequestered the entire contested estate. pending a final decision as to which of the three claimants should triumph.

It could make a Puccini opera, and it would not be the first time that the composer's extrovert lifestyle found itself influencing his work. Not so long ago, a production of Turandot in Glasgow transferred much of the action from Imperial Peking to Torre del Lago in order to point up the connections between Gozzi's cruel play on which the opera is based and the domestic scandal which engulfed Paccini in 1909, when his servant Doria Munfedi committed suicide after allegations of a relationship with the composer that went beyond the call of duty. But the most striking parallel is already there. Puccini's one act comic opera, Gianni Schicchi, is precisely about a will. It tells of the anguish of the relatives of a recently deceased Florentine when they discover that he has willed his ontire fortune to a monastery. They call in Schiechi, who agrees to impersonate the dead man and to dictate a new will, leaving the cetate to the relatives. That isn't quite what Schicchi has in mind, of course, and he duly wills the valuables to himself, leaving the house to his daughter and her lover. Somehow, we suspect there may be a Gianni Schiechi alive and active in Lucca in 1986, too.

## Poems as a defence against the gulag horror

IRINA Ratushinskaya, who arrived in London from Moscow last week. looks frail for a woman of 32 and in ill health. But she is a formidable personality who, during years of harah imprisonment, has derived strength from a belief in God and in herself as a poet of extraordinary power.

Marie

authorities have shown that even in the compartatively enlightened Gorbachev era, an idiosyncratic creative talent is something "the system" simply cannot cope with. It is not that they don't love and Odessa - testifies to the roots of honour their poets. Some of the her talent. What resources she will biggest statues in Soviet cities are draw upon once she is, as it were, of poets - usually from pre- settled in the West, remain revolutionary times — and vol- unquantifiable. But it would seem She refused, but she became a The word "slander" came up 150 to memory, and then washed away

umes of poetry are regular very probable that the end results marked woman. By 1977, she was times during the trial, but Irina down the sink. bestsellers. But Stalin played his could be very different in character being closely interrogated for declined to join in the proceedings Irina says the writing was "not Mandelstam's death in a labour camp, and Pasternak and Akhmatova were intermittently common consent she is ranked as word — to write poetry was of "an unenthusiastic way of all 250 of them and, in the mind, their deaths in 1960 and 1966 respectively. Poets under Soviet rule have often died early, and often by their own hand.

September 1982 and released lost tic when she was reading physics last rigid phase of the Brezhnev physical deterioration, during immight be forgotten, could not.

October. From a small and clut
at Odessa University and during a era — did nothing to help their prisonment can only be imagined.

Asked why she was finally Kiev, she went no fewer than 16 gained much pleasure from writ- human rights demonstration in times to the visa office to haggle ing humorous sketches for stuwith obdurate bureaucrats and dent theatre groups. remove the obstacles to her departure for London.

She met obduracy with persis- try) side of her family rather than in the 1982 harvest in the Kiev high blood pressure and a kidney and must defend human rights by doing this," she said the other day. "It will be very difficult to leave In rejecting her, the Soviet the country and very difficult to

> Her wish to commute between exile and her homeland - she was, like Anna Akhmatova, born near

> But whatever comes next, her reputation is assured, and by

Her trouble, as with so many square pegs in Soviet holes, was of life and the harassment that had exile, a total term which would tra time on her sentence. That her irrepressible energy as well as become their lot. Applications to have been completed in 1995. Ratushinskaya was arrested in her originality. It was characteris- leave the country in 1980 — the Her physical sufferings and her she, and therefore, the poetry

tence and perseverance. One stick- anything Soviet in her earlier life; area, but the people who recruited disease so acute that a year ago ing point has been her that she rejected socialism in them were not what they seemed, determination that she and her favour of Catholicism: and finally and evidence from shabashniki survive. husband, Igor Geraschenko, keep that she turned away from (casual workers) around them was She had her head shaved, was their Soviet citizenship. "We can humorous writing to a more enough to have her arrested. introspective poetry.

apparently recognised by the security authorities as a dissident return. I don't know if they will let element. In that year, the KGB

Michael Simmons on the poet whom the Soviet authorities have allowed to visit the West for medical treatment

asked her to become an informer.

About this time, too, she realised

the centre of Moscow in 1981. For a while it seemed that

By the evening of the same day, "an especially serious state crime: no medical treatment and no the writing of poems." Indeed she had been told by the KGB head office (no less) in mid-1981 that her verses were a threat to the security of the Soviet Union. Her during four years in prison there charge, when she was tried in were more than 250 poems. Occa-March 1983, was "manufacture sionally, pen and paper were availand dissemination of poems," and able, when they were not, the "anti-state agitation and propa- verse was scratched on to bars of

there were fears she would not

beaten, force-fed, and placed in solitary confinement in often freez-In 1972, aged 18, she was Igor says, she was being accused of ing conditions. There was almost family visits.

But still, astonishingly, the postry flowed, even during a fourmonth spell in solitary. In all

because, she claimed, she could not difficult." God, it seems, and the choose her own lawyer. Even so, sense of vocation made it easier. that the urge — "vocation" is Igor's she was found guilty — not least, The difficult part was memorising one of the most "natural" poets of inescapable, as inescapable as thinking" — and sentenced to indexing them and the precise what she saw as the seven years hard labour to be time when they were written. unacceptability of the Soviet way followed by five years' internal Each poem notionally merited ex-

Asked why she was finally recause, nor did participation in a She had been something of a leased, she said perhaps it was fitness fanatic in her time - a: something to do with the efforts by keen hiker, a powerful long-dis- the Gorbachev administration to tance swimmer, an adroit table democratise. "But," she added, " It was equally in character that apples might save them. She and tennis player. She lost more than would not call it a humanitarian she gravitated to the Polish (gen- her husband were recruited to help three stones in weight, contracted gesture, more a kind of show."

# Le Monde

**ENGLISH SECTION** 

Moscow television reported on December 19 the visit of a Politburo member (Mr Solomentsev) to Alma Ata, but without making any reference to the riots that had taken place in this city and which the Soviet media had covered the same morning. The disturbances, which it has now been confirmed caused several deaths, draw attention to the ways in which the new Soviet leadership's nationalities policy has been swept off course in the past year or so.

## Ligachev may carry the can for riots in Kazakhstan

Central Asia or Transcaucasia is at the party congress and else- proved to be the last straw, though portrayed on our screens, he is where clearly showed that such an there was nothing very unusual usually depicted as a coarse bumpkin speaking with an appalling accent and wearing a papakha (fur hat worn by easterners) or a stupid old-fashioned cap. He is most often employed in the trade sector. In a funny piece - if one may put it was already under Leonid Brezheminent Literaturnaya Gazeta, crucible of homo sovieticus. Writone writer even tried to sketch out ing in the journal, Kommunist. a sort of arithmetical mean for an last May, Academician Bromlei inhabitant of Central Asia and noted that the proportion of Sovi-Transcaucasia.

Armenian writer Petrosian between 1970 and 1979, but he to discreet pressure from Bonn, Vardgues last June about certain also pointed out that "in certain concessions have recently been led a rebellion against the present nel Gadafy's behaviour. At any oversimplifications in the Soviet republics, young people today have cinema, was only one of many protests that were made by participants at the Soviet Writers' Congress concerning the wider a less firmer grasp of this language question of national minorities and the fate reserved for their cultures. his opinion, therefore, there was a ation was scarcely different under Others condemned the monopoly exercised by Moscow in making sion and qualitiative improvement reduce the population of local Asia, Transcaucasia and Estonia," view of the recent disturbances in Alma Ata, these appeals appear to signs that the nationalities policy

they were not heeded. For the nationalities policy agement executives. The party seems to have gone off course programme is quite clear on this, following the change of leadership since it provides for "promoting

by the 27th Congress last March in lics, for widening and improving fact introduced no fundamental the training of skilled workers changes in this area. On the one among citizens of all nationalities hand, it contains well-worn self- and ethnic groups." An apparently congratulatory statements pro- praiseworthy goal which in pracclaiming that the problem has tice has resulted in speeding up been "successfully resolved", and Russianisation on the one hand, that the objective aimed at is to and uprooting local populations on "bring nations and ethnic groups the other. ever closer together", indeed to It is no accident that the disturensure "their total unity". And, on bances have taken place in the other, the programme also Kazakhstan, the very republic points out that it will be possible to which has served as a testing reach this final goal only "in a ground in recent years for conductdistant historical perspective" and ing the policy of "intermingling that care must be taken to avoid management executives". Appoint-"any artificial acceleration" in a ing a Russian, Gennadi V. Kolbin, process that has to remain who had never worked in underpinned by "voluntary action, Kazakhstan, to take the place of equality and brotherly the dismissed 74-year-old Kazakh

The Government has accepted the report of a national committee on in vitro fertilisation (see page 14). Plantu's carteen shows Interior Minister Pasqua

as the doctor."

acceleration was under way on at about such a posting. Kunayev's

emphasis has been on bringing and Nikolai Beliayev, and a Russian into general use both in Byolorussian, Pantaleimon Pononev considered to be the special ets claiming to speak Russian had

### By Michel Tatu

than the average population." In need to promote "a further exten- Brezhnev. In 1981, there were of the knowledge of Russian, espethe almost exclusive construction

expense of the others.

There are even more pronounced have been warnings, and it is clear has gone off the rails in the movements of workers and manexchanges of management execu-The party programme adopted tives and specialists among repub-

"WHENEVER a representative of cooperation". But statements made leader, Dinmukhamed Kunayev, three predecessors in the '50s were On the language issue, first, the two Russians, Leonid Brezhnev

Lower down in the 19 regions making up Kazakhstan, there are eight Russian first secretaries as against 10 Kazakhs. The most recent appointment has been of a German, Braun, as party leader in the virgin soils regions in place of This cri de coeur from the risen from 76 to 82 per cent a Russian. Doubtless in response mained loyal to Goukouni Oueddei made to the former Volga Germans who were deported by Stalin, living in Kazakhstan.

Kazakhs are not entitled to similar consideration, but the situseven Russian regional secretaries compared with 11 "nationals". At has taken another step in what very most it gives the Chadian issues. "the creeping tendency to cially in the rural zones of Central any rate, Kazakhstan had been Tripoli sees as an "escalation" of fighters in Tibesti a breathing and still is the least favoured as a France's military presence in space, and it is now up to It is a situation which, in nation than neighbouring Central Chad. The decision, which was N'Djamena's army to do the rest. particular case, Latvia, but the Central Asia especially, has led to Asian republics (only two Russians moreover reached unanimously by among Uzbekistan's 12 regional the French President and the whether this help will be sufficient Kazakhstan), the dangers threat- of Russian-language schools at the secretaries, for example); even the Prime Minister, has the added practice of making sure Moscow advantage of demonstrating once fully win back the northern part of has its eyes and ears locally, which again that France stands by its his territory which in all was organised and perfected under closest African allies who are still probability he will never be pre-Stalin, is still in force everywhere. apprehensive of Colonel Gadafy's pared to write off. For the moment Wherever the party head is a local man, his immediate deputy is a Russian or some other Slav sent in great joy that Paris resolved to tance fighters, seems to think the by the central apparatus as a take the risk of seeing French West is giving enough aid to help second secretary. The fact that Kolbin had already played a simi- ers. Both the Elysée and the to permit victory. The recent air-

> It should also be noted that the than be forced in the near future to other moves can be expected. most enthusiastic promoter of the mount a large-scale operation to policy of "intermingling management executives" is not Mikhail Gorbachev, who has not said much on the subject, but the party's No 2 man. Yegor Ligachev, who oversees at the central secretariat the movements of personnel and therefore must have played a key role in naming Kolbin to head the party in Kazakhatan. Speaking about the Brezhnev period at the 27th Congress, Ligachev had in fact criticised "local and regional- of the Pierre-et-Marie-Curie Uni- pearance of a disease. ist outlooks" which "prevented promoting representatives of all

serve as a protext for high-level appearance of the disease. discussions aimed at reshuffing posts, or even getting rid of vaccine, but a therapoutic method tracts from membranes directly. of the year. It is all the more of rumours suggesting that "un- authorities. important, as the "management authorised" vaccination tests were Dr. Jonathan Mann, the World seen in Kazakhatan -- is down on ite agenda.

(December 21/22)

CHAD claimed at the weekend that Libya had lost more than 400 mer. 17 tanks in a counter-attack by Chadlans in the north of the country. The renewed fighting came as the US speeded up an emergency sirlift of \$15 million in arms and ammunition to government forces in Chad.

A statement issued by Chad's military command said that Libyan soldiers were routed at Bardai in the rugged northern Tibesti mountains by followers of former rebel leader, Mr Goukouni Oueddel, who until recently was backed by Tripoli. Libys has denied any involvement in the Chad fighting.

## Gadafy takes a beating in Chad

AT MINOR political and military halt the Libyan advance. cost to itself - for now, anyway - There is no certainty, however over amount to much more than Libyan buffer by Tripoli. giving "humanitarian" aid to the airlifted to troops who have re-

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about a million of whom are now now believed to be a prisoner in Operation Sparrowhawk, turn a circling the Tibesti massif.

By intervening north of the 16th expansionist ambitions.

France has reasserted its support that the "signal" sent to the for the government of Hissène Libyan leader will be sufficient to Habré while reminding Colonel make him desist. Colonel Gadafy Moamer Gadafy that it is keeping has in fact suffered a major seta watchful eye on developments in back since the defection o northern Chad. The airdrop of Goukouni Oueddei's followers, who supplies in the Tibesti hills carried have opened two fronts - in out on the night of December 16/17 Tibesti and Ennedi, in the very by two Transall aircraft does how- heart of a zone considered as a

In this way Paris has made in Toubou people who have been clear that the strategy of trying to suffering from the exactions of the negotiate with Tripoli, which until Libyan army. Apart from supplies only a few weeks ago the prime of food and blankets, anti-tank and minister's office only half believed anti-aircrast weapons have been in, has now been dropped. France today considers that its Arab partners themselves are in a position to draw a distinction between its Middle East policy and its army's intervention in Chad that has been made necesary by its government of Hissène Habro with rate. Paris could not, without the help of Libyan troops, but is forfeiting the advantages of its Tripoli) to help them counter the deaf ear to Hissène Habre's ap-Libyan President's strategy of en- peals for help relayed by several African heads of state.

Two planeloads of supplies obviparallel in a zone controlled until ously do not fulfil the Chadian now by Libya and its allies, Paris President's expectations. At the

There remains the question for the Chadian leader to success-Habré, who likes to compare him-It was not, however, with any self and his men to Afghan resisplanes shot down by Libyan fight- them avert defeat, but not enough lar role in Georgia may well have Matignon, as well as the Defence drops do prove, though, that added to the discontent in Alma | Ministry decided it was better to France has not finished with its take limited action now rather commitment in Chad and that

### 'Patients used for Aids vaccine experiments'

By Franck Nouchi

versity in Paris, is said to be For his experiments, which apposts. hampered the exchange of | drome (Aids) on HTLV3 positive

Things will become likely to prevent patients exposed

against Aids, since the few people said to be taking part in the tests

A FRANCO-ZAIREAN scientific have already been infected by the team, based in Kinshasa and disease, whereas a vaccine protects headed by Professor Daniel Zagury a healthy person against the ap-

currently testing a vaccine against pear to make use of the virus \_\_acquired\_immune-deficiency syn- membrane, Professor Zagury is either collecting the infected pamanagement executives among re- human beings. The substance used tient's lymphocytes - and this is gions and the interchange of ex- would appear to be extracts of the the most probable guess - and perienced government employees | Aids virus membrane capable of activating them in vitro with between republics and the centre." stimulating the body's immune extracts of the virus's membranes Will the Alma Ata riots, system, which the researchers after which all that remains is to announced so quickly by Tass, hope will protect it against the relaject the reactivated lymphocytes back into the patient; or So it is not strictly speaking a he is quite simply injecting ex-

The tests, on a limited number of clearer at the next plonary session to the Aids virus from developing patients, are reported to have been of the central committee, which | the disease. The disclosure of these conducted since September in the was postponed in November and | experiments, made by the New greatest of secreey, but with the has now been promised for the end York Times, following on the heels permission of the Zairean health

executives policy" - the very being conducted in Zaire, has left Health Organisation expert in same one whose effects have been | the scientific community puzzled. charge of the agency's Aids pro-The first point: it is not a vaccine gramme, told me he was not aware

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Pasqua was next questioned at length on the Carrefour Développement case, and especially on the part of the case concerning

the lasue of a "genuine-but-fake" passport concocted by the DST

(Direction de la Surveillance du Territoire — counter-intelligence service).

and the refusal, on the grounds it was a "defence secret", by the head of

the DST, Bernard Gérard, to testify on the matter before the investigating

magistrate, Jean-Pierre Michau. He then announced he would file a libel

suit against Le Monde's Georges Marion and Edwy Pienel, who conducted

an investigation that concluded that the "genuine-but-fake" passport was issued with the permission of the Minister of the Interior. Pasqua also

invoked "defence secrets" in refusing to answer questions on this

subject. But he denied the information and accused Le Monde's reporters

## Why we need **AFP**

The head of Agence France Presse, Mr Henri Pigeat, resigned HOW WAS Yves Chalier, the on Thursday after prolonged principal defendant and plaintiff criticism from journalists who in the Carrefour du immediately called off their week- Développement case, able to elude

has silenced the French news officers in his flight in Latin agency, Agence France-Presse, America? How and why could a over the past week is not a mere man, today accused of

public, and frequently treated with solidarity? condescension by political leaders, It is these simple questions, AFP is not only the main organ of based on precise facts, that magis- tive. Pushed into a corner, the the French press, it is also one of trates, police officers and journalthe major sources of news for the lists are asking as they conduct whole world. Neither a machine investigations inquiring into this for transmitting raw copy — such | shady business. Now Charles a thing has never existed - nor an Pasqua, interviewed on the radio instrument for disseminating offi- station Europe 1 on Monday, Decial communiqués, a worldwide cember 15, refused to answer any news agency is a very complex of them. Yet, by the very fact of his combination of men and technical position, the Interior Minister is why he announced his intention they nevertheless recognised infrastructures whose aim is as should be able to throw some light of suing for libel following Le Challer from the photo which was secret of their belief that calm will simple as it is ambitious -- report on the matter. The "genuine-but-

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planet. Not only transmit information, but also go in search of it and provide the maximum of elements likely to help the reader in forming

ambition, and until now only one of them is French And yet it is March 16 general election, is of them is French. And yet, it is closely dependent on the Minister not "the voice of France". Nothing of the Interior himself. would be more damaging than to set out to defend AFP by invoking this argument which cuts both ways. The agency has already suffered far too much by being identified sometimes as a government mouthpiece.

But AFP is necessary for France as for the rest of the world because it has a universal calling. It has its weaknesses. But exclusive - AP and UPI (the latter is also agency (Reuters), for which information strictly speaking is only a secondary aspect of its activities. increases the risk of being mistaken on, or completely overlooking. certain events particularly in the

If AFP disappears or, which is stances in which Yves Chalier fied more probable, if it is reduced to from France early in May this year the status of a mere subcontractor, and went into hiding in Brazil, a "national" agency, it would have | where he was helped by friends of very special consequences for Controller General Jacques France. Government departments Delebois, has been known since and embassies would quickly re- November 21 to the magistrate, gret it, Radio-France Inter- Jean-Pierre Michau, who is invespers - not just those which have ber 21, Chalier told the whole few or no correspondents in the story during a hearing that lasted world - would be poorer. What is | over eight hours in the office of the even worse, the French, who are investigating magistrate. not madly keen about what is happening in the world outside, hearing runs to no less than 23 "You'll have to go away." And that day was a DGSE officer whose would have no problems at Roissy

The causes of the dispute are not completed checking all its that he could guarantee me a Chalier's two "escorta" were very kept. complex, and responsibility for it is details, but court sources say he is network with Brazil. He gave me attentive, even telephoning Londoubtless shared. There is a ques- already certain that the flight of the London-to-Rio flight timetable. don from Brussels and booking a tion of financing, and this concerns the former head of Christian He also recommended that I didn't room at the Hammersmith Novotel the State. There is also a question | Nucci's ministerial office was in sleep at my place." of people. Questionable decisions fact engineered from start to finish riers must be removed. But the on it. stake is much too important not to According to the story he told do everything possible to overcome these difficulties — and very

(December 19)

"I believe you have just heard the programme of the Minister of the interior for the coming weeks," said Charles Pasqua on Monday, December 15, at the end of a radio programme in which he was taking part. The minister announced several decisions. First, the suspension as a "conservatorial measure" — of Sergeant Schmitt, the leader of the "peloton voitigeur motocycliste" (acrobatic motorcyle squad) whose members are suspected of having assaulted a 22-year-old student, Mailk Oussekine, who later died). Next the seizure of a television film sequence,

daily Communist Party organ L'Humanité and its editor-in-chief, Claude Cabanes, whom he accused of having suggested that police agent

long strike. The agency lost £6.8 million last year despite shedding 140 of its 2,000 staff. Further severe job cuts domanded by management have been frozen.

Developpement case, able to elude justice for over six months? Why was he found carrying a passport issued in the name of Yves Navaro which had been prepared by the DST? Why was he helped, backed THE CRISIS, perhaps fatal, which | up and advised by French police social conflict brought on by finan-cial difficulties. making use of forgeries, breach of For the most part ignored by the | trust and theft, benefit from such

as honestly and as quickly as fake" passport was concected by a DST department. The main police officer accused by Yves Challer, formerly chief secretary of Cooperation Minister Christian Nucci's ministerial office under the Socialist government, is Jacques Delebois, head of the international police cooperation service who is politically close to Pasqua. Like all his predecessors, the head of the DST, Bernard Gérard, who was

> So Pasqua does not want to say anything. He accepts his responsibilities, but refuses to offer any explanations. His counterattack is conviction is based on a lengthy contradictory. "If any explanations are to be asked, they must be asked from me and no one else," he retorts, adding immediately: "I have nothing more to say. I, too, am under the obligation of respecting secrecy." When asked about the order sent to the DST to produce a "genuine-but-fake" passport for a man for whom an arrest

warrant had been issued, he an-

entitled "Les Casseurs", which was shown on December 7.

Thirdly, the minister announced he planned to take action against the provocateurs were present among the student demonstrators.

of conducting a "destabilisation" operation. Time for Pasqua to throw light on Carrefour scandal

By Georges Marion and Edwy Pienel

swered: "The DST did its duty." Does this mean the DST's duty was to help him flee? Challer (he confirmed this to the investigating magistrate) has never been a minister said he "didn't know" particular point: "You know nothing of it and I don't either; it may well be yes, it may well be no..."

Pasqua had only one answer: no, he had not ordered that the paradox -- he explained that the a note of it and let the fact be trate a "secret" which is not one of DST head "only did his job". In other words, while he refuses to accept responsibility for his subordinate's action, he neither disap- of the debate that Pasqua has proves nor criticises it. Better still, he tags it "a defence secret". But then he would have to tell us any journalistic investigation of authority in financial deals for where "defence" comes into a case special services — such as an antiwhich, until proved otherwise, has terrorist unit at the Elysée, the nothing to do with spying or DGSE and the DST - is a

gating Magistrate Michau is con- right to be told the truth, even part vinced Chalier was helped in his of the truth, about this shadowy escape by Delebois, who referred world. Untouchable and above susthe matter to a superior at a very high level, a "top man". That questioned or - how can you avoid hearing of Chalier who gave de- Pasqua's counterattack is remi-

and how it was managed.

no doubt at all that Gérard had the passport prepared on a request clined to think so. In the from the Interior Ministry. An oral request, without a trace in writing. An request about which nothing was said to Robert Pandraud, junior Minister responsible for Public Safety and working under Pasqua. The passport was prepared in July and the task was given to the DST's technical subdivision under Jean-Pierre Brut. Though the members of this department who did not know for passport be issued to Chalier. That whom the passport was intended, Monde's publication of its investi- passed on to them. They were not return to the DST if Gérard gation. But - and this is a new particularly upset, but they made reveals to the investigating magis-

in this case is also the substance, initiated with his customary vigour. He appears to suggest that "destabilisation" operation. In Court sources say that Investi- other words, the public has no picion, this world may not be

tails of his escapade. His revela- niscent of Charles Hernu's reactions showed the extent of the tion in the Greenpeace case. support Challer had in his flight Confronted by the questions journalists asked and the information The passport in question is a key they had in their possession, the element in the case since it pro- former Socialist Defence Minister's state confers on them, the secrets vides the material proof of a link only answer was to condemn the and privileges specific to the police between the fleeing man and the "treachery" of a campaign attack- and the special services, for partipolice. All the investigators who ing the "nuclear chain". In that san purposes. have had access to the files have case either, there was no written

proof that a "third team" existed and that Hernu had given the go-ahead for the Rainbow Warrior sabotage. Two realities that nobody questions today. By refusing to offer any explanations, Hernu managed to lose his job. Is this tendency to feel aggrieved

peculiar to the French political class whether of the left or the right? In the light of the public hearings on the "Irangate" scandal in the United States, one is in-Greenpeace case, the DGSE "destabilised" itself without outside help by being caught redhanded in an unfortunate operation carried out on government orders. In the Carrefour du Développement case, the DST has not however been "destabilised" by a "genuine-but-fake" passport Several senior officers of this department find fault with their superior, Gérard, for having got them them into this mess through his inexperience. They make no

There remains the form, which with the objectives of their service. True, the Carrofour de Développment case is primarily a presidential adviser. But neither Christian Nucci nor Guy Penne has so far been charged. But Delebois has, because of the determination of a judge, and not at his own request, as he claims.

theirs and which has nothing to do

For the case within the case is as serious. Political officials are sus pocted of having orchestrated the first scandal, manipulated the plaintiff, offered disclosures to the public in dribs and drabs. They

## How the secret service helped a

EVERY DETAIL of the circum-(audit office) revealed the bad management of the Carrefour du Développment association, whose him to the Gare du Nord where he treasurer was Challer, the head Christian Nucci's ministerial ofhearing summary, did nothing to reassure Challer. He first told him nationale would not have very tigating the Carrefour du that the police "unit at the Elysée" much to do, and French newspa- Développement case. On Novem- was "shadowing" him, then a few

would be likely to become even pages crammed with details and Chalier added: "Delebois told me name Chalier refused to reveal to and that someone would be there disclosures. The magistrate has he had spoken to the big boss and the investigating magistrate. to meet him." The promise was

investigation initiated at the re- kept under close observation. quest of the Cour des Comptes

took the Trans-Europe Express for the Belgian capital. One of the

fice. Delebois, whose name crops men was Commander Espinet, a up on almost every page of the uniformed police officer from the International Police Technical Cooperation Service (SCTIP), of which Delebois was the head. Espinet had done most of his

for the fleeing couple. Was Challer really in danger or On May 4, Challer alone caught need to be reviewed, and certain from Paris by several police offi- was he merely being manipulated? the 10:30 pm Varig flight to Rio corporatist and psychological bar- cers who kept a "top man" posted Nervous, he took the train to where next day he arrived at the Brussols with his girl friend address he had been given: 1782 Maggy Baquian and from there Avenida Atlantico, Copacabana. was planned down to the last the magistrate, Chalier's troubles flew on to London, Right from his His host, a Delebois contact whose detail by Jacques Delebois: "Tobegan during April 1986 when an departure for Brussels, he was first name was Julien, "manufac- wards the end of June, he told me I

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days later, that a "contract" had service in French Guiana, where making false identity documents he was recently replaced by as well as a letter intended for On April 29, at a meeting Commissaire (roughly superinten- Delebois. "In one of his telephone The report summarising the Trocadéro, Delebois told his friend: other man who accompanied him "Delebois told me Dr Chiarelli

Meanwhile in Paris the scandal was growing with revelations appearing in the press. Figaro-Magazine caused a sensation on July 26 by publishing an interview that its reporter Jean-Pax Mefret had with Yves Chalier in Asuncion, Paratures pinball machines". Chalier should go to Paraguay in July from Two men, he said, accompanied stayed several weeks at Julien's the 7th to the 15th. He told me I

the first-placed New Zealand in the semi-finals starting on December 28. For the first time in 135 vears, there will be no New York Yacht Club entry in the competition, and this despite the syndicate having set up its training base in Fremantie on October 1, 1984 and poured more than \$15 million Into the venture, with the help of Cadillac and Newsweek magazine, for building three boats which were made available to the young Texan helmsman John Kollus for winning back the world's oldest trophy that it lost to the Australians in 1983. The NYYC entry, America II, was eliminated it finished 15 seconds behind New Zealand on Sunday. Marc Pajot, who skippers French Kiss, which with 129 points was fourth in the last of the preliminary eliminating rounds, talked about the racing.

FREMANTLE - French Klas, France's entry in the 26th America's Cup challenge, will compete with

## Eleven Frenchmen show they can become a team

preliminary races of the America's Cup are said to have changed you into a cold monster. Is this

Pajot: I'm living through something that is intensely interesting and all-absorbing, but I haven' changed. We finished the first round robin in eighth place and everybody ticked us off severely without trying to find out why.

We've had no experience in this kind of competition racing and most of our training was done in France with a single boat and no partner to run against. Then, in addition, the first few runs were in light weather, which wasn't suitable for French Kiss. It was far from ideal compared with America Il or New Zealand, which got a head start by training with the Australians over the course during the past year.

You had doubts then?

Success in competition is often the result of a balance between doubt and confidence in oneself. Doubt is essential in striving for strength has been its capacity to arisen. After the first round robin boats that couldn't be touched and a fourth place in the semi-finals for another was programmed in advance. I have personally always thought so and today we have improved enormously to come up to the level of the four best. There's only one boat against which we feel powerless — New Zealand. But how long will it remain out of

So French Kiss's qualification is just one stage?

port, the Americans used to say: 11

had to give an interview to

journalist and explained that the

interview was going to help in negotiations with Guy. I thought

he meant Guy Penne (President

Mitterrand's former adviser on

African affairs). He told me I had

to accuse Nucci and say what I

Chalier went to Paraguay.

Following these instructions.

arrived in Asuncion on July 11.

instructions - at the Guarani

met the Figaro Magazine reporter

in the hotel lobby. Recognition

signals had been prearranged:

Mefret showed one of Challer's

photos that had been sent to Paris

Returning to Brazil and armed

with his false passport, which was

brought to him from France by

Arnaldo Campana, former police

chief of the State of Rio, Chalier

got ready to pursue a new career in

import-export. But soon, every-

thing went awry. Early in October,

Brazilian police, informed by

French justice which had succeed-

for making up a false passport.

knew about Guy Penne."

fugitive to escape

Frenchmen on a 12-metre JI, that's still 11 Frenchmen. Eleven low, but try to innovate. Besides, there are men and organisations in Newport to Fremantle called all the semi-finals) is already a sucwill be satisfied with just qualify-America's Cup.

Along with the American Dennis Conner and the Australian Ian presumptuous for a first exper-

### By Gérard Albouy

ground in France, a leader was needed in the sailing field to young. He agreed to this role, conceive and promote the project. True, we had to work hard on tion up to me. We were perfectly But today, everybody has his place Ricquois, who had the job of progress. Our team reappraises in an organisation that is more horizontal than vertical, with F100 million. And then, it was units looking after sailing tactics. computer calculations, and financstarted. I have been able to concentrate wholly on the boat and the when Rule 26 had still not been think of beating them over seven crew. I shall in due course give my report on this, too, but I believe my Were you inspired by men or by

principles in accepting this challenge? Like John Bertrand and the Australians in 1983, you would appear to be convinced that from now on victory requires research and innovation.

I hadn't read John Bertrand's book ("And the Kangaroo Downed It's already a success. At New- the Eagle") before I accepted the challenge, but like him I was

ed in locating Chalier's hideout

Arnaldo Campana's apartment on

the Avenida Otaviano, on the

ouskirts of Copacabana and

Ipanema — began to get restless.

Chalier revealed, "someone phoned

me to say that Jacques Dalebois

had seen the minister and there

Paraguay where, he was assured,

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"On Monday, October 13,"

Americans, that's a team. Today, moving the America's Cup from France — I think, for example, of the technical concepts into questhe new sailing organisation — to tion. There was of course a risk of meet the challenge. Qualifying (for making a mistake in the new options, as the Americans did in the case of the Eagle, which wound still not our goal. No team here up trailing last in the classification in spite of having an Olympic ing. Our aim is still to win the helmsman (Rod Davis) and a boat designed by one of the best architects of 12-metre JI class vessels

of franchise shops: keys, shoe

clour-copying process.) What do you think of the other New Zealand has an undeniable

edge especially when sailing closehauled. With their keel made of the experience and the enormous composite material, the New Zea- organisational machinery of the yard, but we couldn't take it any boat in the wind up to the second further for lack of time and also round robin, but since then he has perhaps financial means. This moved forward in light breezes and

convinced that one shouldn't fol-

People say I'm methodical, but skippers to be also manager and function just as much by instinct. helmsman rolled into one. Isn't that Especially in choosing my partners. I met Philippe Briand and Philippe Ricquois who encouraged me to get started. The lormer, a naval architect and an excellent navigator, was passionately interested in the idea of a 12-metre JI ever since he took part in a Swedish project when he was very leaving management and navigacomplementary with Philippe raising between F65 million and challenge. He needed boldness and over on their third boat. If we stay flair to trust us two years ago, at our present level, we could not amended and we weren't sure races, but at the moment we're French Kiss would be able to keep speaking five engineers are work-

> which covers an extensive network do after the third round robin. And the Americans, are they also processing; he is also the developer

> They are the ones with the best of a recently marketed cut-rate potential navigators for this run. especially with their four Olympic gold medallists in the six Olympic series at Los Angeles. The biggest surprise of the round robins was America Il's elimination, despite New York Yacht Club.

Dennis Conner had the fastest wasn't the case with the New at healthy speeds. He is ten times



important to meet Serge Zealanders, who announced an more experienced than us, but Crasnianski, a man who also like a open-ended budget and were more- we've no inhibitions in taking him The first finned keel was brought to

public notice with the Australian success in 1983. Will victory in 1987 go to the first 12-metre JI its initial name. (Crasnianski is ing over here. We meet every built of composite materials? the owner of the trade name Kis morning to consider what we could

It's always casy to generalise even to focus on a technical aspect It is far more difficult to analyse men and explain the relationship problems and the psychological pressures generated by a competition such as the America's Cup The Australians had a very good skipper, a very good crew, very good sails, a very good hull and under that a remarkable finned keel. No doubt the New Zealanders and a few others have the same The great difficulty of the America's Cup is in analysing and moving forward all these parameters while ensuring that not a single one lags behind.

(December 16)

### Aids vaccine 'experiments' on patients

Continued from page 11 was a risk of the court ordering a of the experiments: "If it turns out rogatory commission in Brazil" that such experiments are in fact months. Questioned by the New Soon, Maggy Baquian was arrest- being conducted, then I can assure York Times, Dr Zagury is reported ed. Challer became increasingly you it is without the knowledge of concerned. Delebois tried to ar- the World Health Authority. Beasked for clarification." Apart from Professor Zagury,

Hotel, where at 2 pm on July 15 he an apartment had been placed at his disposal. But Challer would have none of it and decided to Lurhuma is said to taking part in return to France and give himself the work. It is impossible at this second country. If Chalier's version is to be stage to say whether the believed, the police and special immunisation experiments have such testing are obvious. Does one service agents covered his esca- been made with the patients' pade for six months — in return consent. It is obviously a very sacrificing people who might have help in the preparation of a for disclosures concerning the ac- important point in so far as, once remained scropositive (without ac- vaccine, will shortly be tested on tivities of a Socialist minister and again, one cannot judge before- tually contracting the disease) for a presidential adviser. When the hand the effectiveness or danger of many more years? Were they even investigating magistrate obtained such a method. The immunisation told what kind of "treatment" they the details of this story, it took him attempts appear to have been preceded by other experiments at only a fortnight and a few verificathe Villejuif primate centre (on the tions to charge Jacques Delebois. outskirts of Paris).

In all probability, the results will not be known for several to have refused to say anything as he was "under oath to the governinformation on his research until the results are published in an international scientific journal. Kinshasa University's Dr The newspaper adds that tests

> have the right to take the risk of were being given?

Zagury's work is far from wholly conclusive, according to the Aids

experts to whom I have spoken. At any rate, not conclusive enough for him to take the risk of performing

It may be pointed out that other attempts to develop a vaccine have range for him to hide out in sides, I got in touch immediately ment of Zaire" not to disclose any obtained some promising results. National Cancer Institute in Bethesda succeeded in isolating a may also have been conducted in a protein of the virus membrane which, injected into animals, trig-The ethical questions raised by gered the growth of antibodies that overwhelmed the virus. This protein fragment, which will probably

Other teams, including the Pasteur-Veccin team in France in conjunction with the firm Finally, it has to be said that Dr Transgène, are also working on developing such a vaccine.

(December 19)

personify the American nation,

In a week of tall ships and

heroic turn of phrase and reassur-

ing ways. A romanticized portrait

of Reagan appeared on the cover of

Time magazine the following week

accompanied by a caption that

asked. "Why is this man so popu-

lar?" The cover story described

Reagan as "a Prospero of Ameri-

world, future for all time."

Not surprisingly, nouvelle cui-sine finds little favour in the ARC's eyes. Simone Lemaire calls it "spineless and arty", though she is willing to admit, with her friends, that it has had a positive effect by encouraging chefs to give greater importance to vegetables, and to provide lighter, less indigestible fare, notably through such

techniques as steaming.
"But I do wish they'd stop inventing new dishes!" she says. "They've overreached themselves. There was a time when people went specially to Fernand Point's restaurant just to sample his foie gras en brioche or Mère Brazier's to enjoy her poularde demi-deuil. It's quite sufficient for one to invent four or five dishes in a

"I'm against restaurants that totally change their menus every year. A chef should always have s basic repertoire consisting of dishes he is capable of executing to perfection. That's what customers want -- and what makes them come back again and again.'

Massia began 20 years ago with only three main courses on her menu. She has since enlarged her grillettes de canard au vinaigre de miel (thin slivers of duck with them, but the recipe is a mediaeval

"Nouvelle cuisine is terribly labour-intensive," she says. "Think of the way vegetables tend to be They are more interested in spon- those days, you entertained at cabbage)." You have to remember, too, that the whole structure could only than to bask in their own glory. .That's already enough to put me off to the door at the end of a meal,"

## Women who say it's time to get back in the kitchen

The 19th-century handbook, Brévlaire des Gastronomes, contains the following advice: "The woman cook whom you engage should be neither too young nor too old: be she too old, she will fall asleep; be she too young, her mind will be on other things."

Attitudes to women chefs have certainly shanged since then, but not that much - which is why the Association des Restauratrice-Culsinières (ARC) came into being 11 years ago. Furious at being refused membership of the Société des Cuisiniers simply because they are female, a group of well-known women chefs formed the ARC at the suggestion of Robert Courtine (who writes in Le Monde as La Reynière).

The aims of the association are "to defend and promote women's cooking" and to make known French culinary traditions abroad. Although they keep a lower profile in the media than their male colleagues, ARC members are very well known in international gastronomic circles.

In the last 11 years ARC members have succeeded in breaking down many of the sexist barriers that are rife in the notoriously misogynist world of catering. But they note that many hotel and restaurant owners, under a variety of pretexts, are still reluctant to take on rant Ty Coz.

women, and that, when they do, they give them menial serving or cleaning jobs. Some catering schools have ingeniously got round the problem of finding jobs for their graduates: they admit

In a typical case, a male-chauvinist Breton restaurateur agreed to take on as trainees two graduates from a catering school (which admits women) after satisfying himself on paper that they were sufficiently qualified. The two appli-cants, Dominique X., and Claude Y., duly turned up, but did not have ime to unpack their suitcases before being packed off back home by the restaurateur, who had forgotten that "Dominique" and "Claude" are girls' names as well as boys'.

But what exactly is the "cuisine de femme" that the ARC is trying to promote? Has it anything to do with the nouvelle cuisine? To find out, Michel Castaing talked to three active members of the association, Simone Lemaire, its honorary president, and two Paris chefs, Christiane Massia of L'Aquitaine (which specialises in the cuisine of southwest France (and has a star in the Micheline Guide) and Marie-Françoise Lachaud of the Breton restau-

food is cooked it is never touched they think he's a good cook. A asparagus from the Vosges, and proach aimed at aweing customers by human hand."

Marie-Fraçoise Lachaud admits that nouvelle cuisine chefs make food look decorative on the plate. pocket-sized: "One shouldn't be one is still hungry."

cerned to convince and to please numbers of guests."

woman chef will be asking herself if they're satisfied and contented." Women chefs - and especially

those celebrated guardians of local forced to order a dessert because survival of regional cooking. Lachaud, who gets all her produce What, in their opinion, are the direct from Brittany, is the fourth of women's cuisine? "It's less ag- who handed down their regional gressive; women prefer to cook at recipes from generation to generaserved, for example in a pyramid of taneity and naturalness than in home, not in restaurants. She used

wild leeks and fairy ring mush- or making them feel important. rooms from other parts of the "Some menus call starters gusta-

"As far as the vegetables I've nothing against a bit of humour, palette, but refuses to invent for but wishes the portions were not so culinary traditions, the "mères just mentioned are concerned," she though. I once called called a dish lyonnaises" - have ensured the says, "they are things you can't get 'haddock du Capitaine' (a reference hold of through normal catering to the Hervé comic-strip character channels. But they enable one to Tintin's friend). But I don't like keep alive certain old regional other other distinguishing marks in line of professional women cooks recipes of the kind that are all too are simply designed to explain the often looked down on by men. Most ingredients of a dish to customers male chefs would feel it beneath so they don't have to ask the lower temperatures and are less tion. "My great-grandmother used their dignity to make, for instance, waiter. That's a form of dialogue, if fond of grilling and flambeing." to cater for local high society. In a farci poitevin (a kind of stuffed you like. But most of the time,

The two watchwords of the ARC, disguise the banality of what is on aesthetic considerations, more con- to do all the cooking for vast simplicity and tradition, do not offer." prevent women cooks from being Massia has a particularly long inventive, even if world-famous problem in a nutshell: "Nowadays "When a male chef sees customers list of suppliers, and not just in chef Paul Bocuse once claimed the a lot of young chefs write out their southwest France. She gets her has apparently since changed his menus before they've even learnt my food. In my restaurant, once says Lemaire, "he's wondering if baby monkfish from Brittany, tiny mind) that women show "no imagi- how to cook."

nation in the kitchen".

Christiane Massia does not care anyway: "I try to appeal to the taste buds and the belly, not to the imagination, with straightforward rustic, but nevertheless magical words like fricassée, blanquelte matelote, marmite, potée and on. And something cooked 'an cocotte' is somehow appetising.

Colette once said: "There is no point in taking up cooking unless you are capable of a little witchcraft." But too much verbal incantation can be a bad thing women chefs seem much more willing than their male counterparts to go for simplicity not only in the kitchen but in the way they formulate their menus.

Simone Lemaire gave me some examples: "A woman will propose a salad with croutons", a man "a little autumn salad with hazelnut oil and toasted country bread". A woman will call a salad of phearant and lentils by its name, a man will doll it up as "lentil salad with pheasant aiguillettes dressed with vinegared olive oil". Surely most people know what a crouton is or that a salad contains oil and vinegar?" Massia once saw a preposterously named dish which ended with the words: "with toast in a

At opposite poles to this extreme

literalness, but just as bad, is an

over-mysterious and esoteric sp-

tory prefaces'," says Lachaud. "I've

All the glitter is gone now, all the magic lost. "People had this heroic image of Republican student of the presidency. "Everything about the Iran Deceiving the American people. Helping the Avatollah. It didn't fit cognitive dissonance in the ex-

projects its image in the air.

because the betrayer was Reagan. sciousness as a believable character who was America's best version of itself. Reagan was identified with baseball, football and Hollywood. He was "The Gipper" who gave his life for Notre Dame and country, a governor who stood who restored the nation's patriotic

identity and celebrated heroism. all away in an escapade so prepos-America would "never again" bow was revealed as doing secret busisuperimposed on the Reagan had illuminated the Stat- on something other than Carter. image of a burning American flag soft on Reagan. But as the list of shared with them the credit for months later, in May 1985,

Now that Ronald Reagan has sions, what do we make of his found that many Americans knew, and attributing them to his audi-and Reagen was left without a have shocked First Lady Nancy presidency? What lessons does the that Reagan was ill-informed, and ence. "We've come a long way since seasoned political adviser at close man who only a few months ago disagreed with a number of his those days of malaise," he would hand. seemed to have discovered a new policies, but nonetheless approved say, giving his audionces credit for "There has always been this way of governing still have to teach us? Most important, what lessons can we learn from an out-of-control NSC staff? Has because his policies seemed to tioned the \$2 trillion deficit that he suffered from bad political advice and the wrong chief of staff? Is age simply catching up with him and dulling his once-sharp political judgment? Or has this most favored of presidents simply been

bad luck? Before his presidency was overwhelmed by the Iran arms scandal and its offshoots, Reagan appeared to have discovered a secret of White House predecessors. Three

WHEN President Reagan rededi- out of four Americans approved of ability. On Aug. 11, 1984, while with Americans during five dec- tions of aides than he did three or cated the Statue of Liberty in a the job they thought Reagan was doing a sound check for his weekly ades of acting, broadcasting and four years ago. His hearing has fireworks last July 3, he seemed to of his harshest policy critics studio at his California ranch, extolled his style. After Reagan Reagan said, "My fellow Ameri-I've never seen a man more tors used the incident to portray Reagan captured the imagination popular than you are with the Reagan as a warmonger, and of a nation accustomed to his

The popularity seemed unassail- of his irresponsibility. Reagan able and Reagan exempt from the brushed off what might have been laws of political gravity. Reagan a monumental embarrassment for periodically misstated facts at any other president by saying that of trusted aides and Cabinet offi-ported it. cers and explained some of his Six weeks after this incident, most cherished policies in private Washington Post national political cards. Nothing seemed to touch interviewing prospective voters in

between Reagan and the American "sides with the average citizen." could be valued so highly. Colum- sity student, agreed and said she can and un-Reagan. Dealing with the feelings of many of his peers "more likely to keep the United when he confessed early in 1984 that it was "a mystery" to him how "this nice, eupeptic, uninstructed, with the American image of rather dogmatic gentleman should Reagan. In academic terms it was now be a huge success in the States out of war." The surprise

The betrayal seemed greater affairs was particularly sketchy, as voting for Reagan. Reagan's longtime California ad- Millions of traditionally Demo-

after a fashion. In 1983, he amused with America. interrupting a serious discussion bolic speeches. "We want to talk school computer wizard taps into a together, and what we must con-

Carter crowd, still seeking to 1984. blame the rejection of their leader Reagan's published inanities grew, achieving it. Reagan had a wonof the job he was doing as presi- the tax cuts and military spending lights, camera, action quality

Americans were forgiving of legislative products of the Reugan adviser. "He played a role and Reagan's perceived shortcomings years. The president rarely men-counted on others for the political work. Inflation had slowed dra- was a byproduct of these achieve- counted on others for direction. His matically, and for most Americans, ments. times were relatively good. No In person Rengan was modest, Buker and Deaver left, the presi-Americans were involved in a gentle, unassuming. "Unlike a dent was surrounded by businessshooting war. Most of all, Ameri- number of his predecessors who . . . men and military men who were cans desperately wanted - as Tip craved the presidency in order to used to giving orders and having suffering recently from a run of O'Neill had pointed out soon after be something, Reagan ran for others follow them. They didn't Reagan's election - a president president in order to do some- give orders to the commander in who would succeed, after a recent thing," wrote columnist Mark chief, but they did provent others history of assassination, resigna- Shields. "His sense of self-worth from advising him."

> Even when Reagan committed: Force One." he seemed immune from account-

doing as president, and even some radio speech from a makeshift campaigning. He seemed to under- declined. He still gets himself up was reelected in a 49-state land- cans, I am pleased to tell you I a reporter asked what it was that Weekend, but he is said to be Lincoln's words as "hope for the slide in 1984, House Speaker have signed legislation to outlaw Americans saw in him, Reagan increasingly preoccupied and unworld, future for all time."

Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill said to Russia forever. We begin bombing replied, "Would you laugh if I told der strain. "He always enjoyed him, "In my 50 years of public life, in five minutes." Soviet commenta- you that I think, maybe, they see being president," says a friend. Democrats cited it as an example

news conferences, forgot the names the media should never have re-

The Washington Post

Ronald Reagan — A Political Obituary

meetings by reading off 3-by-5 correspondent David S. Broder was him, an observation codified in the the 1984 political campaign in their president to be presidential," discussion with Gorbachev which described the Reagan phenomenon viewed was a 25-year-old man who hungry for a king. . . . It wasn't the conflicting ways, Reagan almost believed that Reagan "sides with Politicians and journalists alike the special interests" while his first New Deal that established of all ballistic nuclear missiles were frustrated by the love affair opponent. Walter F. Mondale, people. They asked one another The young man's companion, a 23how a president who knew so little year-old Michigan State Univernist Edwin M. Yoder Jr. expressed also believed that Mondale was

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part of the interview was that both Reagan's knowledge of foreign of these young Americans were

visers recognized. When one of cratic working people and young the impact of the secret arms deal settle our differences by talking these advisers. William P. Clark, people also deserted their party to on American public opinion. But became national security adviser vote for Reagan, after a campaign there are those who believe that terrible weapons." in 1982, he demonstrated his that was a triumph of symbolism, the symbolic collapse was the understanding of Reagan's learn- Reagan avoided the press. ing habits by showing him govern- staggered through two debates ment movies about world trouble with Mondale and raised no new issues. While Mondale talked Reagan also watched movies about raising taxes, Reagan during his weekends at Camp wrapped himself in the flag and David and learned from them, encouraged voters to identify him

The identification seemed natuarms control congressmen who met ral enough to those who heard the with him at the White House by president's soaring, empty, symwith praise for "War Games," an about the present and the future, anti-war film about how a high about what Americans are doing national-defense computer system tinue to do to make America great and nearly triggers a nuclear war. again and let the eagle soar," No one seemed to care that Reagan said in one of his opening campaign speeches on Sept. 3,

Americans accepted the "bright, ideal America" that Reagan carincreases that were the principal about Reagan," says a longtime

does not hinge on his riding on Air

Nor did Reagan take for granted

stand the secret of his strength. On for the big ceremonial perforthe eve of the 1980 election, when mances, as he did on Liberty themselves and that I'm one of don't think he finds it fun any-

Rooseveltian in this sense."

like Reagan, that there is no magic unprepared summit with secret to governing. While he Gorbachev - something that believes that Reagan's first-term Reagan had promised he would political team would have saved never do. him from the Iran scandal.

didn't know what it was." he had described as "terrorists."

In addition, a number of administration officials believe that Reagan's revolving door of disaster waiting to happen.

In the political community, the conventional wisdom is that Reagan's fall flowed inevitably from the substitution of businessman Donald T. Regan for politician James A. Baker III as White Darman, widely considered contended that the media had gone ried in his mind in part because he left for Treasury with Baker. Five Reagan's friend and longtime pubso did his standing in the polls. derful trick of taking what people lic relations specialist Michael K. Surveys taken for the White House assumed to be his own strengths Deaver left the White House staff

role was to soll his programs. After

Others say — usually in whispered voices - that Reagan is slipping. At 75, he tires more easily and asks even fewer ques-

A case also can be made that the combination of Reagan's reassur- Ayatollah was a symbolic disaster, ing optimism, self-deprecatory but there are diplomats within the qualities and ability to strike the administration who believe that right note in ceremonial speeches Roagan's confused summit with that made him appealing to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev Americans. "I think we underesti- in Reykjavik, Iceland, was a greatmate how much Americans want er policy failure. In a confused logislative achievements of the casually proposed the elimination Roosevelt, it was the psychological undercutting U.S. allies in Britain turnaround. And Reagan is very und West Germany. The Thatcher government may yet be a casualty But Neustadt also realizes, un- of Rengan's excursion into an

"Reagan got away with Reykja-Neustadt also says, "I always vik in the sense that he was able to knew there was a price to pay for present it to the American people his style of management. . . I just as a success," says an administration official. "For the president at Because Reagan understood was consistent symbolism, even if symbolic realities so well, it seems dubious policy. What could lasurprising that he miscalculated more American than saving, 'Let'-

Even without the Iran-contra inevitable result of growing policy scandal, however, there is concern gridlock and Reagan's frustration within the administration and at his lack of success in freeing among U.S. allies that Reykjavik American hostages held by groups may have been the end of Reagan's arms control efforts, rather than a

On domestic issues, except for the possibility of enacting a proup to five in less than six years - ance, there is even less optimism and an NSC staff weakened by within the administration. A reideology and infighting was a cent list of tepid initiatives compiled by Regan and announced by the president devotes a single line as budget reform, world climate control and a North American patent office are other items on the burners these days of what used to be called "the Reagan revolution.

tion Day 1986 when Republicans personal campaigning failed to number of key western and southern states. It was an event said to Reagan, who had been told that paigning could save the Senate for

On that same day, Nov. 3, the first revelations appeared in visit to Iran of former national security advisor Robert C McFarlane and Lt. Col. Oliver L North. It was the first of many disclosures that signified the dark symbolic and of a Rongan presidency that less than six months ago was bathed in the glow of Lady

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## Committee sets new guidelines for 'test-tube births'

A THREE-YEAR MORATORIUM guidelines to be observed by the on genetic manipulation of human National d'Ethique (national committee on ethics) has been accepted by the government. The announcement was made by Health Minister Michèle Barzach when she opened the committee's annual meeting last week.

human species that is at stake, everything cannot be permitted in the name of medical and scientific research. We have to be able to call a halt while we evaluate the out consequences of such research.

This is the fundamental conclusion of the major opinion expressed by the Comité National d'Ethique. a consultative body headed by Professor Jean Bernard. An opin- procreative practices." making; one cam easily under- resorting to in vitro fertilisation stand how its drafting had been and embryo preservation and accompanied by sharp debates transplants," says the committee. within the committee itself.

The 23-page text published last week is the lengthiest opinion so hypofecundity . . . far submitted by the committee. It examines first most of the issues embryos": that is embryos derived raised by in vitro fertilisation, the from in vitro fertilisation for which donation and preserving of human no nurturing uteruses are immediembryos. It also ventures a series of proposals concerning research that (according to the Committee such destruction may be considmembers) may or may not be 'ered only as a least harmful option carried out on human embryos. and spells out what research is permitted and what should be Such destruction is upsetting to all banned, as well as what should be subject to a moratorium.

The committee also defines the moment of fertilisation."

authorised to conduct such rein vitro fertilisation and embryo donation and preservation.

While acknowledging that in vitro fertilisation and embryo transplants constitute an "acceptable procreative technique", the not to resort excessively to "an uncertain, complicated and expensive technique which is not withphysical, especially psychological, risks for couples. The committee, in particular, draws the attention of the medical profession and potential patients to the dangers of relentlessly pursuing

"The medical requirements for "concern only couples suffering from sterility or recognised

What is to be done with "surplus ately available? Can they be destroyed? "The committee considers and that it becomes inevitable when conservation is not possible. those who consider the embryo's life ought to be protected from the

Should such embryos then be government in setting up future frozen? Yes, the committee says, expresses the hope that legal rules medical centres which will be provided certain precautions are taken. Preservation is acceptable search under the two categories of only when it is carried out at authorised centres. It is justifiable only to the extent that it increases the percentage of success of the technique (transplantation of embryos at a subsequent menstrual cycle, repeated transplantations in

preserved, the committee believes.

By Jean-Yves Nau

ervation should not be prolonged months from the time of fertinoses) before transplantation lisation. The medical reasons for any prolongation should be examined by the ethics committee." More generally, some committee members consider that "the idea of an embryo bank subject to independent control or the uncertainties of parental inclinations should be rejected. It would be unwise for preservation to gradually become an autonomous means of pro-

opinion, there is no law at present involve the problems of ova and concerning parentage in such

cases. The committee therefore be drawn up before the donation of embryos to other couples is considered. And it emphasises the urgent necessity of stepping in before a

black market in embryos develops. Fertilisation carried out solely for the purpose of producing embryos for research purposes that donating surplus embryos for research may be tolerated so long how long an embryo may be as this is "strictly controlled". As an example, it recommends that no Except on medical grounds, pres- embryos more than seven days old be made available for research.

The committee also recommends a moratorium on "research aimed at carrying out genetic diagnoses beyond a maximum period of 12 (chromosomal, gene and sex diag- between man and animal; research Despite the reservations that some of its members had voiced about the very principle of a moratorium, the committee considered after much heart-searching that the moratorium was just as necessary for ethical as for medical and scientific reasons.

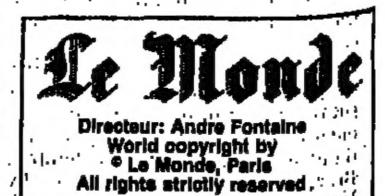
"This research," it says, "has brought to light the risk of seeing the development of eugenic practices which, by becoming triembryo donations be vialised, could give rise to permitted? In the committee's ethically reprehensible desires to regulate human reproduction for to regulate such donations that reasons of health or suitability ... The temptation to choose the child sperm donations. Nothing at the to be born in terms of its qualities present stage permits answering can appear contrary to the dignity the legal questions that could arise of the unborn child, for it calls into question the respect for the child's

vear limit on the moratorium, period which it hopes will enable researchers to better pinpoint the consequences of genetic research - research involving the removal of micro-particles of cells or embry onic nuclei and the analysis of the genetic characteristics of such

It has also drawn up a list of research areas which it thinks should be banned. They concern in particular all research aimed at artificially modifying human genes which are handed down from generation to generation; research aimed at transplanting embryos towards making male pregnancy possible; and research on parthenogenesis or full in vitro gesta-

Examining the question of female egg preservation, the committee considered the unknown factors involved here are such that they forbid the transplantation of embryos obtained by this tech-

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THE ARGUMENT about whether the Iranian affair is comparable to sudden death in Peking had en-Watergate is at best a diversion and at worst a trap. It is a trap because | joyed the title of His Excellency the analogy is false and may even induce a kind of complacency since it | the 26th Governor of the Crown would suggest that the current troubles of the administration are in a | Colony of Hong Kong, was borne relatively early stage - the equivalent, say, of March 21, 1973 - and up the nave of the Cathedral that there is much time for the thing yet to play out. But there isn't time. Church of St. John here by 10 The most interesting — and distinctive and alarming — fact about this soldiers from the Coldstream crisis is that it has reached so advanced a state so quickly,

It is hard to remember a time, except for the very last days of the Nixon presidency, when the uppermost reaches of a government were in such disarray. Yes, we know: "disarray" is one of those newspaper words, but hidden among the gleaming used often enough to disparage a situation that we in the press helped to skyscrapers of the new Hong create. But that is not the case here. The word is apt. The president and the vice president, the White House chief of staff and other staff members, the affected Cabinet members and presidential counselors and intimates seem not to represent any kind of a whole at all, any entity, any "we" (as in, "this is what we have to do now"). They evidently do not share the same interpretation, or in some critical cases even similar interpretations, of what happened, of whether it was right or wrong, of what should come next. There is much high-level knifework. There is much debilitating anxiety and uncertainty. Life rafts are being readied

Leaving aside for the moment his own ultimate responsibility for what goes on in his administration, the president has been badly served from the first in all this. He has been sent out to speak with factually false material, provided him by briefers who evidently were so busy trying to make their own case to him that they didn't have time to worry about the case he was going to make to the public. He has been given rotten advice, and he has been sycophantically encouraged in his impulse to believe the thing is overblown and will go away. His advisers have not been brave or unsparing or skeptical enough. The president has been defending them to feel glum these days, and not - defending some of the people who have done him the most harm. They only because 6 million subjects

The people we are referring to here are not those currently being called "disloyal" by some at the White House. It is one of the ironies of this stitious, and those who follow the whole awful drama that an argument is raging over loyalty to the president, but that the very concept of loyalty and its obligations has shui, are making much of the been inverted so that those who are trying merely to ingratiate circumstances of Sir Edward's themselves with the president are said to be loyal, while those who passing. believe the error of the policy must be acknowledged and repaired are He was the first governor ever to about leaving, going off to get new colleagues here say they are there castigated as disloyal. The ones who got him in this trouble, who die in office. He died up in Peking, exceeded their instructions, who used idiotic judgment, who now refuse to | which many still think of as the to safer lands. The lines at the selves to come. talk and/or refuse to leave are the "loyal" ones under this construction. | enemy capital. He died while he The ones who dare to say no are renegades.

Two things are desperately needed. One is as full an account as can indeed, it looks as though he died possibly be produced of this affair, from start to finish. The other is the from the very rigors of that busirestoration of the president's political authority, within his government | ness. And he died on the unand in relation to the country and the world. Only he can manage this. It | propitious fourth of the month will begin with credible evidence that he understands the magnitude of the Cantonese sound for the numthe error and that he intends to rectify it. He needs to be seen taking | ber four being homophonic with charge of his government. He needs a White House chief of staff who does | the Cantonese word for death. not have a personal interest that is at odds with his own. He needs to Very bad fung shui, the magic men work with such a person to establish some degree of common purpose and say, with consequent ill luck to day how he was selling one of his itself will be saying farewell some mutual respect within the top ranks of his government. It is lacking now.

Ronald Reagan's government is coming apart, and he is the only one who can put it back together. Blaming the press, the political opposition, the potency of the astrological then taking everything out by John's Cathedral, magnificent as it the people in government who had the wit to oppose the disastrous course | consequences of his having done so 1992." The head of one of the was melancholy, was only an will not do him any good. If he wants to take it out on them he should save the pleasure for later. Right now he has more urgent things to do."

### A Funeral In Hong Kong per. Even when the black crepe

House, perhaps even when a new

governor has taken over — even

then the colony looks likely to

continue to suffer this curiously

rudderless, addly abandoned feel

growing, old hands say, during

this past year, ever since Margaret

Thatcher went to Peking and

signed the colony away, agreeing

nese. There are just 10 more

British years left, and everyone

It is unfashionable, and unwise,

to be publicly pessimistic. On the

surface, all looks well, "Never been

better, old boy," they'll tell you in

a dozen board rooms. Most com-

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ty prices are healthy. The dis-

here is counting.

Empire has buried one of its last chieftains in a classically imperial way, far from home, to the beat of muffled drums and the sound of

No matter that the old church to their scarlet robes, there were thems and slow-marches and two

"We British do these things well," someone said from the pew

was on Hong Kong business —

cotheques are full, the Beaujolais "Perhaps funerals are all we're any good at," her companion glumnouveau is in the shops, the Rollstheir 700th car (there are only 14 rickshaws). On the surface, Hong Kong is very much the Georgehave suddenly lost their British town of South China, the epicenter governor. For one thing, the superof upward mobility in a very Chinese geomancy known as fung But privately, and beneath the

surface, it is not difficult to con-

passports, getting their money out and that others are readying them-American and Canadian and Australian consulates are depressingly long. Fiji and Belize have their passports on offer, for a small sum would be equally idle to deny that wondering whether they should go, place, an uneasiness. The feeling but when, and which is the year when it's all going to go wrong.

An Indian friend, a multimillionaire, explained the other colonials here know that Britain properties and putting the cash and some of the more glum type But the governor's passing and into short-term investment, "and realize that the ceremony up at S are not the only causes of the larger financial institutions here unexpected practice run for the present peculiar colonial distem- said most of his money was already final goodbye 10 years from now.

in Switzerland, or in diamonds

There is a very distinct feeling here that we are all standing on bridge that may be about to co lapse. No one wants to start stampede, because then it ver definitely will collapse. No or wants to be seen to be trying to get off, because that would start stampede. So people are sidling of quietly, edging away, and hopin

Sometimes the signs are mor obvious than this. A survey nvestors' likely confidence years from now - though how to they tell? skeptics aid with scornplaces Hong Kong somewhere near the bottom of the list. Another foreign bank moved its operation out of the colony week before last One of the British firms that helped found the place reorganized itself, and, by dint of some admit accountancy, took some of itself of to the more evidently stable - and still British - climes of Bermuds

And now there's one even odder

Some of the Shanghainess here - and it is well to remember that many of the really smart business men in Hong Kong are refugees from Shanghai - also say they are considering leaving Hong Kong. not to go to San Francisco Sydney, but to return to Shangha They say that with China changing so fast, a rich man can easily manipulate the system to his own advantage, and stay rich. If that's true, they say to themselves, then why not go home?

I was in Shanghai recently, and confess I did not manage to find People talk more openly now refugee from down south. But their

It would be idle and profitless suggest that Hong Kong is falling Sir Edward's funeral, and by the

## Goya: Mystery And Mastery

By Paul Richard

the table by his easel. Goya, who was humbly born but changed his name to hide the fact, loved golden coins and jewels, all the shiny signs of wealth. His confessional

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Two hundred years ago, just before he painted it, he sent a note of triumph to a loval boyhood friend. "Marti'n mi'o," crowed the artist, "ya soy Pintor del Rey con qunice mil reales!" - ("Martin boy, now I'm King's Painter with [a yearly salary of] 15.000

"Goya" — Gian Carlo Menotti's opera received its world premiere at the Kennedy Center, and to celebrate its opening two Washington museums, the Corcoran and Galleries, have mounted Gova

The master was still climbing when he painted the self-portrait now on exhibition at the National Gallery of Art. His cockiness is clear. His machismo is apparent. He wears the short embroidered jacket, the slippers and the tights, of a Spanish majo, a sort of 18th-century urban cowboy. It is the sort of costume strutting bullfighters still wear - except for the odd hat.

He had it made of metal so that it would not burn when, painting after sunset, he set candles on its brim.

Francisco de Goya y Lucientes (the de, an affectation, implied ties to the nobility that were tenuous at best) was born, a gilder's son, on March 30, 1746 in Aragon, in Spain. He died an exile in France in 1828. He was two artists in one.

While the public Goya painted gracious, formal portraits of the highborn and the rich, another sort of master was developing within him. This second, private Goya cared nothing for the brilliant chatter of the court. Instead he hewed his visions out of silence and the dark. No painter of his era was as attuned as he was to the shivering shadows, the witches and the truths and the horrors of the night.

"Goya: Selected Prints From the Collection of the Arthur Ross Foundation," a show of more than 60 lithographs and etchings, is at the Corcoran Gallery of Art. "Gova: The Condesa de Chinchón and Other Paintings. Drawings and Prints From Spanish and American Private Collections and the National Gallery of Art" is at the gallery's West Building. Together these exhibits, they rarely overlap, suggest the strange range of his art.

The Menotti opera hymns his legend and his supposed love life. His often bitter pictures tell vastly more about his despairs and disgusts, his nightmares and his hates. He lived through times of slaughter, famine repression. He saw the armies Napoleon battle throughout Spain. An from his nearly fatal breakdown in 1799 until his death in 1828, the painter of whon Placido Domingo sings was completely deaf Goya was near 50, and had already lost his hearing, when he first met the Duchess of Alba, the opera's other star. He first painted her portrait in 1795. What she thought of the deaf painter is a matter of

conjecture. That he fell for her is clear. She was willful and eccentric, passionate, demanding. She ringed herself with actors, bullfighters and painters. She affected major styles - and, in fact, may well have posed for Goya's famous portraits in the Prado o the "Maja Nude" and the "Maja Clothed. Her lusciousness is not in doubt. Every hair of her head excited desire, a French traveler reported. Goya, for a while — but only for a while - fell under her spell

"He gave her," writes historian Gwyn A Williams, "his most harrowing self-portrait and in his house kept the magnificent portrait of her he painted under the Andalusian sun, in her black maja dress, wearing two rings inscribed Alba and Goya and pointing to her feet whore are traced the words Solo Goya (later carefully overpainted by him)." Like that declaration, his love was writ in sand One 1799 etching from Goya's Caprichos

("Caprices") attacks her without mercy. It shows her flying through the air, as inconstant as a butterfly, as unholy as a witch, with "an escort," notes Williams, "of literally hagridden builfighters." The painter's angers and affections wrestle in his art. Goya's Los Desastres de la Guerra ("The Disasters of War"; of 1810-20 - selected etchings from that series are on view at both museums - condemn man's inhumanity with a fervor rarely equaled in the history of art. And yet he portrayed

better than painting. That he loved the bullfight, too, is abundantly apparent in the La Tauromaguia etchings on the history of the sport, which he published in 1816. By the standards of his Spain, Goya was a iberal. He scorned the Inquisition, reaction-

atrocities with a kind of fascination. Pain

and blood and violence did not entirely

ary government and the oppressive Spanish church. One of his most famous Caprichos.

Senora Sabasa Garcia



on view at the Corcoran, is called "The sleep of reason produces monsters." Yet monsters of all sorts - men that have two heads. vultures large as oxen, demons, devils, giants — writhe in Goya's art.

The sweep of his emotions still takes the breath away. It is not just the briskness of his brush and the assurance of his line that make his late work seem so modern. It is his ability to show us all the fighting feelings in his conflicted heart.

Scholar Andrew Robison chose the splendid drawings in the National Gallery's exhibit. Together they suggest that Goya somehow skipped the 19th century. His early formal portraits are 18th-century pictures. His last works speak directly to he 20th-century soul.

Goya, like Velázquez, was a portraitist to royalty. Goya, like Picaseo, another blackpassionate, political, confessional, rebelenormously attracted to the French.

He admired French enlightenment. French scholarship and liberty, the France of revolution, fraternity, equality, Voltaire and Rousseau, His native Spain, in contrast. seemed superstitious, backward, priestridden and slothful.

Goya also liked French elegance. One sees that in his early work. The marquesa de . Pontejos, in the National Gallery's large portrait of 1786, wears Parisian ribbons on her dress. In their disdainful anticlericism, in their haughty superciliousness, the gibes in the Caprichos also feel part French.

Goya, though he worked at court, was no impassioned monarchist. In his portraits, at the National Gallery of the king and queen of Spain, King Charles IV looks pompous, Queen Maria Louisa ugly. You would think that he would flatter the royals who employed him. Instead, both of them look stupid. One can only wonder how Goya got

One drawing at the National Gallery. from Ian Woodner's collection, is the first de Goya made in which human beings wear masks. He always looked beyond the faces people wear.

He would not hide his sympathics. When he painted those he cared for - among

them the unfortunate and lovely condess Chincho'n — he did so with great poigna cy. (He painted her as a child first. Later) portrayed her as the pregnant wife Manuel Godoy, the prime minister of Spa - and the lover of the queen - whom the young condesa was forced to wed again, her will. Both pictures are included in the National Gallery's exhibit.) When he po trayed those he hated - for instance th duke of San Carlos, with his drooping eyeli and half-open mouth — he would no conceal his scorn.

It is Goya's awesome honeaty, his insig tence that the truth be told, that gives hi scenes of warfare their extraordinary timelessness.

Although he depicted torturings and rapes, massacres, dismemberments, faming and garrotings and stomach-churning eyed master who liked to paint at night, was scenes of corpses spitted upon trees, he looked beyond the uniform. Napoleon's lious. All three of these great painters were soldiers in his pictures, even when they Spanish to the core. Yet Goya was, at first, rape and kill, are never shown as mon.



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### Richard Cohen

bombed Libya, killed 37 persons, among them a 15-month-old girl bombing days earlier of a West German discotheque frequented by U.S. servicemen. One was killed.

Following the disco bombing. Bob Woodward of the Washington Post reported what the President had alluded to: The United States had intercepted messages from the Libyan Embassy in East Germany telling Libyan authorities that they "will be very happy when you see the headlines tomorrow." Case

But is it? At the time, President Reagan seemed to personify the American rage at Gadhafi. The Libvan leader had exulted in the deaths of innocents in massacres at the Rome and Vienna sirports and had reportedly financed several terrorist operations. The administration's case seemed convincing and its reprisal, really an act of war, seemed above moral reproach. for the bombing of both the Marine Few quibbled when the President barracks and the U.S. Embassy in called Gadhafi the "mad dog of the Beirut. In both incidents, the loss Middle East."

London. The second was the bomb- that and did is repeatedly. ing of the German-Arab Friend-By playing cute with the American people . . . the Reagan

of American hostages in Lebanon, but Iran. We were also told in a report by the Miaml Herald, that U.S. officials held Iran responsible

of life was horrendous. Cynicism is the rust of democrahas changed. Libya, no matter cy. One of the truly awful implica-

what its sins, seems almost incon- tions of the current Iran/contra sequential compared to the real scandal is that we can not believe thugs of the Middle East. In two our own government. The list of separate trials - one in London, lies - and they are that - is the other in West Berlin - Syria getting longer and longer, and was implicated in two terrorist foremost among them was the incidents. The first was the at- repeated declaration that the tempt to place a bomb on an El Al United States would never pay plane heading to Israel by way of ransom for hostages. We did just Another lie was that if the

administration has weakened the fibre of the very democracy it was trying to protect.

The American people now know, would get a dose of what Libya got.

When it comes to information irrefutable or otherwise - I have 'sures had to raise some doubts. No 'was "lying." Furthermore, Libya, But as one who approved of

of a TWA flight to Beirut, it

we were attempting to send a sure. Are you? message not to him — but to the

not Libya that controlled the fate said on May 7. The information about the Berlin to Tripoli interlinking Iran to the kidnappers of cepts was not itself the rotten fruit he said he hadn't known able that we traded arms for their did not think so. He said he had confidence in his sources, but acknowledged that the Iran disclo-

that raid, I have the sinking Cynicism - not any foreign-

thing and doing another and by using "disinformation," the ened the fiber of the very democra

nearly half the people think Ron-

Did They Lie About Libya, Too?

feeling that I was in some sense policy setback - may well be the taken — that the administration worst consequence of the current arbitrarily substituted Libya for scandal. By playing cute with the Iran when, following the hijacking American people, by saying out realized that Tehran and not Tripoli was the real paymaster of Reagan administration has weak Maybe we bombed Libya be- cy it was trying to protect. Of cause it. almost alone among terrorist nations, was not holding child named Hana. Once I though American hostages. Or maybe the bombing that caused her death Gadhafi lost a daughter because was justified. Now I am not so

14 persons. No mention of Libya formation that other countries laws, we might try to assassinate a York Times/CBS Poll finds that were engaged in terrorism, they foreign leader I don't know. I do know that I no ald Reagan is lying. We're not also, that some of the case against "We have made it plain that if we longer have the confidence in our talking impressions of "misrepre government I once had. And I have sentation" or some perceived fa leaked by the administration and evidence with regard to other to tell you that I had to ask ure to tell the "whole truth." No. unwittingly published by the countries, they'll be subject to the Woodward, an extremely careful the question was whether the press. We know, too, that it was same treatment," the President and savvy reporter, if his story people thought the President was American hostages was so irrefut- of a disinformation campaign. He money from the Iranian arms self

> spondents said they thought none to contradict what the Presi- one has the same confidence in percent said the "worst" aspect dent said following the bombing of administration statements they the whole "contragate" affair is the

CAPTAIN KIDD And the War Against the Pirates. By Robert C. Ritchie. Harvard University Press. 306pp. \$20.

CAPTAIN KIDD was not much of a pirate; indeed, we have his own word for it that he was not a pirate at all, and if we are no more likely to believe him than the jury were, we can still feel some sympathy for him. He may have been, in the dour phrase of his native Scotland, none the worse of a hanging, but he was a desperately unlucky man. Chance, rather than his crimes, has placed his name first on the long black list of sea-robbers; alliteration may have had something to do with it, too, but the real reason for his enduring notoriety is that he was the scapegoat of circumstance, the right victim at the right time.

Like many another rascal, he was clergyman's son, and went to sea in the high noon of buccaneering, when pillage and patriotism went hand in hand and the British, who have always been pirates at heart, were still honoring their great fllibusters. The arch-pirate Drake had been knighted a century earlier; in Kidd's young manhood the accolade was bestowed on Harry Morgan, whose Coast Brotherhood had savaged Spain in the Caribbean and, incidentally, served the cause of British expansion. And then, quite quickly, the picture changed: with Spain reduced, King William on the British throne, France again the chief rival, and the European powers competing ever more strongly in maritime trade, the buccaneers and privateers who had been so useful became something of an embarrassment. What was wanted now was peace and quiet in which commerce could flourish. In the new emerging political and

economic order, piracy could have no place. The pirates, who looked on expanding commerce from a different angle, naturally disagreed, none more so than the British in North America, where New York had done rather well out of sea-robbery. When the TWENTY-FIVE years ago the first Peace Caribbean ceased to be a happy huntingground, and the pirates began to shift their operations to Far Eastern waters, New York Ghana. Rushed abroad for propaganda maintained strong links with the new purposes even before Congress enacted the robbers' roost in Madagascar, so convenient for plundering the rich argosies of the graduates were understandably anxious Indian Ocean. And it was in New York that William Kidd, ex-privateer, emerged from obscurity with a splendid idea — which he later claimed was someone else's. At this distance, through the web of intrigue that was spun around the project, not everything is clear, but roughly what happened was that Kidd and his associates induced (or were induced by) prominent noblemen of the Whig government in London to join in a venture to plunder pirates of the Indian Ocean. It was all legal (well, more or less) and Kidd certainly had a commission; the rewards were potentially enormous. So were the dangers, the principal one being that his targets were not merchantmen but the most dangerous ruffians then affoat.

oppose them are just as clearly seen. Some

A number of these etchings — they were

not published while he lived — are on view

at the National Gallery. More are at the

Corcoran. Few pictures of our own age are

Goya, while a young man, while flatter-

ing and climbing, was quite willing to paint

pretty things, sophisticated satires, the gold

braid of a uniform, the glint of light on silk.

But later in his life, imprisoned in his

always, crackles in his late works. His most

nightmarish pictures - the "Black Paint-

ings," for example, which he painted with

great fury directly on the walls of Quinta

isolated home outside of Madrid - resist

restate the themes of the Caprichos, but

made until his flight to France in 1824.

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del Sordo (House of the Deaf Man), his Saragossa."

A violent, awful energy often, but not

deafness, he turned to darker themes.

are martyrs, some are heroes, some commit

atrocities. All are human nonetheless.

more harrowing than these.

In the event, Kidd, after a disappointing cruise, found himself with a mutinous crew on his hands (he once had to barricade himself in his cabin), and with investors to satisfy he turned pirate proper, his chief victim being an Indian argosy, the Quedah Merchant. It was Kidd's bad luck that not long before a vastly rich prize, the Mogul treasure ship, had been seized by the notorious Long Ben Avery; the uproar following these outrages was nowhere louder than in the British East India Company, whose trade relations with the Orient were jeopardized by such piracies committed by their fellow-countrymen.

Avery had got away with it; Kidd did not. At another time he might have made his peace at home, but the war against pirecy was being stepped up, and his noble Whig backers were under mounting political attack from the Tories (and the East India Company) who seized eagerly on Kidd as a weapon in their campaign. Questions were asked in the House, a fine scandal seemed in prospect — it is not surprising that Kidd found himself abandoned. Arrested in Boston, he was shipped to England; when he came to trial, evidence on his behalf mysteriously disappeared, and his attempt to shift the blame on to his mutinous crew was unconvincing. In fact, he was guilty, not only of piracy but of killing his gunner, one Moore, whom he had hit on the head

with a bucket during an altercation which Kidd claimed was mutinous. On both counts he was condemned, but his greatest offense seems to have been that he was dangerously inconvenient. So he was railroaded to Execution Dock, and into legend, protesting that "I am the innocentest person of them all, only I have been sworn against by persons." When they hanged him the rope broke, and they had to hang him over again; nothing went right for poor

Professor Ritchie has done two valuable things. By exhaustive research - his footpages out of 300 in the book — he has built up the most detailed record I have ever seen the Highland Scots, long considered of a pirate voyage, with its origins and aftermath; I doubt if there is another like it. He has also placed it in its historic context, describing the political, and especially the economic events that shaped piracy in its age of transition; buccaneering tends to be thought of as a gaudy, romantic, isolated phenomenon, political only in its occasional association with national interest (as it was in the crippling of Spanish power), and it is good to be reminded that piracy, like everything else, was subject to market forces. Professor Ritchie puts it in a fresh light; something new (to me, at least) is his demonstration of what a casual, accepted thing it was in the brief interval between

the end of semi-legitimate buccaneering nals for respectable men to go a roving leaving their everyday occupations to join a piratical venture, make their money, and very much in the Anglo-American tradition

As a study of piracy, and the motives and forces behind it, Captain Kidd is a first-rate book and I hope he does more the same. His scholarship is sound; only once, on a tiny point, did he stop me short, with the observation that "The English governmen to tolerate threats to law and order. Even reservoir of rebellion, were crushed after their uprising in 1745." The first sentence is true of every government, and the suppression of the clans was not because they were a threat to law and order, but because they were the cutting edge of the Stuarts against the Hanovarians. But that is a small point, and nothing to do with piracy, a subject on which Professor Ritchie is beyond challenge

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### On A Mission To Camelot

COME AS YOU ARE. THE PEACE CORPS STORY. By Coates Redmon. Harcourt Brace Jovanovich. 416pp.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE. THE PEACE CORPS AT TWENTY-FIVE Edited by Milton Viorst. Weidenfeld Nicolson. 218 pp. \$16.95.

Corps volunteers left President John Kennedy's Rose Garden for two years i new agency into law, the 50 young college about being The First Volunteers.

They spent their 21-hour plane trip (it was 1961) practicing the Ghanian national anthem and the national dance called the "highlife." It paid off. Two of them subsequently won second prize in the nightclub dance contest in Accra.

That was the first return on the oddball notion that ordinary young Americans might do something other than make fools of themselves if sent overseas as cheap labor to help other nations' development projects. That the Peace Corps became a legend of self-sacrifice and youthful good works is atill rather a mystery to the 120,000 Americans who followed the Ghana I group abroad to 92 other nations. Only they know

another. In the comparable "Absurdity"

their flesh itself has fused, and each of their

four feet faces in two directions; they're like

museum shows are far more reportorial.

Perhaps the charging bull, the admirable,

astonishing valor of the matador, and the

primal power of the exercise were together

strong enough to tear his mind away from

1815, while still at work on the "Disasters."

The first etching in the set shows the

prehlatoric hunt that, so he believed, was

the origin of the sport. Among the later

prints are platures that declare the artist a

fan. One, at the National Gallery, is titled

The daring of Mattincho in the ring at

Martincho did not deign to use a chos

middle of the ring with his feet bound by

Daring is not the word for it. Martincho

He began the La Tauromaquia series in

His pictures of the bullfight in both

monstrous Siamese twins.

his private thoughts.

strous, subhuman invaders. The Spanish on the Spanish laws against divorce, shows

peasants, the guerillas, who rose up to a man and wife tied with ropes to one

interpretation. Equally enigmatic are Los decided to kill the bull without any of the

Disparates ("The Follies" or "Absurdities"), usual protections. Its thick neck was not which he began engraving in 1816 and weakened by picks and banderillas, and

tic and unnerving. In some ways they dance. In fact, he sat upon a chair in the

with vastly greater power. One of the iron fetters. He tried the feat but once. That

"Caprices," a savage yet amusing comment seems more than enough.

These prints are his most private, funtas- (instead he waved his hat), and he did not

how much and/or little was really accomplished, how the physical difficulties were the least of the problems, and how vastly James M. Gavin. And, Redmon goes on, the much more they gained than they gave. A growing literature on the Peace Corps

is finally exploring those points, and thousands of returned Peace Corps volunteers gathered in Washington in September ful"; whereas Kennedy had issued a more to observe the enabling legislation's silver anniversary and to talk about what, if anything, the Peace Corps means to them and to the nation right now.

It is a portentous milestone for what even some of the participants saw as a kind of idealistic lark for overprivileged kids, a program that many Americans vaguely think died with JFK. In some ways, as two new books make clear, the Peace Corps has remained stuck in the early 1960s.

Come as You Are; The Peace Corps Story, by Coates Redmon, is a delicious yarn and probably the definitive inside scoop of how the Peace Corps got going. The birth of the legend that sustains the agency to this day is less meticulously detailed than it was in Gerard Rice's fine study. The Bold Experiment published last year, but Redmon's account is much funnier and easier to

She describes the early Peace Corps as a Rube Goldberg operation born of a "joyful, intellectually wanton, self-induced misinterpretation" and held together by sheer faith and the manic personal energy of R. Goya: Mystery And Mastery Continued from page 16

has leaped into the audience. The artist who

produced this print seems not at all

compete with those that he imagined. One

National Gallery was made in Bordeaux,

during his final exile, in a lunatic asylum. If

shows a loco furioso, a raging madman, with

enormous hands and bulging eyes, confined

Watteau. Somewhere in all of Goya's art,

despite its violence and its darkness - in

seen - is an undertone of glee.

catalogue, will close January 25.

and still remain a man?

Goya sought in life scenes that might

nsisted everyone else do likewise. Another picture from the series, this one at the Corcoran, is called "Dreadful events in the first rows of the ring at Madrid and death for the Mayor of Torrejon." The bull

Shriver's departure, and things have not been as exciting at the Peace Corps since, as another book timed for the silver anniversaof the most moving drawings at the

ry makes clear. Making a Difference, subtitled The Peace

AID administrator M. Peter McPherson himself a former volunteer, argues that it is time to redefine the Peace Corps firmly as a thought-provoking - if conflicting - sug-

Joanne Omang, a foreign policy reporter for The Washington Post, was a Peace Corps volunteer in Turkey from 1964 to 1966.

By Joanne Omang

The agency was not Kennedy's idea, but idea itself was transformed by the accident of University of Michigan students hearing what they wanted to hear - "an invitation to join something exciting, new, and hopegeneral challenge to service during a 2 a.m. campaign appearance in Ann Arbor during October 1960. Lyndon B. Johnson then gave the Peace Corps notion a crucial push chiefly to irritate the Irish mafia around JFK, who thought the idea awful. Once approved, it barely escaped being swallowed into the Agency for International Development, and then tottered into action under a crew of wisecracking dreamers Shriver assembled in three frantic weeks in March 1961. The media image, painted by Shriver and spread uncriticized to an eager planet, soared free of any reality whatever.

Redmon quotes dozens of admiring victime of the Shriver treatment from that period. Donovan McClure, Shriver's public information officer, recalls that Shriver had a "buzz bomb" intercom system that summoned underlings with "the most revolting sound on earth," a noise elsewhere described as "a really terrifying death gurgle combined with a scream from the attic.'

Outside the office. Shriver abandoned his terrified underlings to eagerly greet (as though he were campaigning for office) 8 lone Masai warrior in Tanganyika. He petted a courtyard lion in Ethiopia and then

"We were arrogant in a funny kind o way," summed up Bill Haddad, a journalist who became Shriver's right hand for severa years. "We were guys of the forties who thought there was nothing we, or America,

That attitude was pivotal to the Peace Corps' ethic. Redmon's account ends with

Corps at 25, edited by Milton Viorst, is an intermittently useful pastiche of essays on the past, present and future of the agency behind bars. How bestial can a creature be, by those who were and are there at every Goya asks us here — as he asks us often — level. A rather pious tone set by President Reagan's introduction and some of the Another drawing at the gallery will initial essays is, fortunately, not sustained linger even longer in the viewer's memory. in the lively and evocative first-hand It, too, is from his last years. It shows an accounts and reminiscences, but no real old, decrepit man, smiling with delight, organizing principle is evident in their swinging on a swing as if he were some arrangement

oversweet young swain out of Fragonard or the fervor of his brush, in his hunger for the development tool, and others make similar The National Gallery's exhibit will regestions.

main on view through January 4. The print show at the Corcoran, thoughtfully selected by Ed Nysren, who wrote its accompanying

## Of partridges and pear trees

on the farm when I was a boy. The out yawning arms in all directions. grew over our dairy.

One day a gusty wind caught by minutes, giving us time to digest the phenomenon and remember it for all these years.

"On the first day of Christmas my true-love sent to me

A partridge in a pear-tree . . "And what." asks a Canadian reader, "does it all mean?"

lic Church and the partridge a

heretical sect finally ensnared, but

that sounds a bit far-fetched. No.

this song, The Twelve Days of

Christmas, was originally a forfeit

song, and the less sense it made

the better the chance of compelling

what he had to do if he failed to

The gifts that the true-love

a singer to pay a forfeit, which is

remember any of the lines.

brought were: —

sense of the partridge in the pear- the Sky.

Christmas parties, The Dilly Song. treatment, being sung with great gusto at an ever-increasing can nuclear cruise missiles, but rhythm and concluding with a not to protest outside the barbed long neglected and now stretching wholesale collection of forfeits. As wire. with The Twelve Days of Christmas, there are twelve lines, which are even more difficult to remem-

> rushes-O", which is also a kind of send her batch of 16 missiles on chorus. Then come the Twelve | their way to the Soviet Union. . "One is One and all alone and

evermore shall be so." 2. "Two-two, the Lilywhite Boys, clothed all in green-O." 3. "Three-three, the Rivals."

4. "Four for the Gospel Makers." 5. "Five for the Symbol at your

6. "Six for the Six Proud Walk-7. "Seven for the Seven Stars in

tree suggests that the pear-tree 8. "Eight for the April Rainers."

By Raiph Whitlock

11. "Eleven for the eleven that

12. "Twelve for the Twelve

Two turtle-doves on the second

Three French hens on the third

Five gold rings on the fifth day: Six geese a-laying on the sixth Seven swans a-swimming on the

Twelve drummers drumming on the twelfth day.

The only logical sequence that can be detected as a help to the memory is that the first seen presents are birds, the last five finches. The general opinion is that the "calling birds", or "colley birds" according to some texts, are

The song is thought to have originated in France in the 12th century and to have been sung by music of a lyre. It was known in England in the 13th century and though it properly belongs to the the run-up to the festival. If forfeits are to be paid, it is generally possible to trip up the like pulling a tooth. most resistant participants by requiring him to sing the song to speeded-up music, backwards.

Incidentally, the song has crossed the Atlantic, where native fauna have been substituted for the obscure European examples. Thus my Canadian correspondent may find himself singing about "deers a-running, wolves a-hunting, turkeys gobbling" and so on.

that other favourite at traditional already another lengthy meeting, Vienna hotel. Far more serious and obscure is

this line is "From ten begin again-O". Another is "Ten for the Ten Commandments". However, there are lines for eleven and twelve.

The song clearly has a basis in

religion, and those who think that the twelve numbers refer to Christianity can find much to support their belief. Nineteenth century indeed, to sing the song as a hyran. enough; the "Eleven that went to | fence, which surrounds the six Heaven" are the twelve apostles minus Judas; the "April Rainers" is supposed to be a corruption of "Lilywhite Boys" are Christ and John the Beptist.

There are, however, other versions, including a very ancient Jewish one, antedating Christianity. And the title "The Dilly Song" comes from alternative versions for lines four and five, which run "Four is the Dilly Hour when

blooms the Dilly Flower. "Five it is the Dilly Bird that's

Savanta tend towards the opinion that the song could well be a mnemonic one belonging to a primitive religion way back in the when a launch vehicle was tempo-Stone Age. It is futile, they say, to try to interpret the allusions. So white paint, was that there might let's throw our heads back and enjoy shouting it out, as ever!

## Blonde bombshell trained for war

By David Fairhall

DAWN HEWITT, aged 24, scarce-ly five feet tall with a blonde pigtail tucked under her hat, is one mon. She arrived with the Ameri-

officer in the USAF's 501st tactical missile wing is to train for something she hopes will never happen: version I know best starts the moment she gets orders to First-Lieutenant Hewitt volun-

teered after hearing about Nato's plan to deploy ground-launched she was doing her degree in computer science, sponsored by the American air force. In the nuclearlaunch business the Minuteman ballistic missile has more status than the humble cruise, but Dawn wanted to come to England. Her home town Boston, in Massachusetts, has strong English affili-

She said she had not spoken to those other women, a damp but stubborn remnant of whom still maintained their protest vigil outside the Berkshire base's main that they were under strict orders

"I do my job," was the only explanation Dawn offered whon asked how she coped with her awesome responsibility. She had no intention of publicly discussing her emotions, and wondered whether anyone would ever take her seriously again after all this attention from the press cameras.

Our visit was the first time since the cruise missiles arrived in let journalists and television cameras inside the perimeter fence but missile shelters and warhead

Asked what the armed guards would do if intruders tried to break into this inner citadel, the station commander, Colonel John Bachs, said they would be removed with minimum force and handed over t

Colonel Bachs, who was born Hungary, said that guards accompanying the cruise-missile convoys on training dispersals to Salisbury Plain were not issued with ammu nition. Nor were missiles carried

tions such as the recent ambush rarily halted and splashed with

Cruise crew: First-lieutenant Dawn Hewitt and her station commander at Greenham, Colonel John Bachs, with a cruise missile huncher. - Picture by

If an operational convoy was The tour included a demonstra

a 44-man force of which one third from nerve gas or nuclear fall-out would be members of the RAF Regiment. Colonel Bachs said the presence of protesters outside the wire had if anything increased his men's determination to demonstrate their professional readiness. The station was now fully oper-

ational with 96 missiles. The decision to open Greenham Common was probably prompted by a public-relations assessment that secrecy was incressingly counterproductive, combined with the political judgment - shared by Mrs Thatcher and her Defence Secretary, Mr George Younger -- that a positive pro-nuclear policy will win votes at the next general election provided arms control negotiations are seen

to be prducing positive results.

November, 1983, that Greenham called out on a real alert, "that tion of the eight-wheel-drive crus-e-Common had opened its gates to would be a different ball game," a vehicle's remarkable cross-country reference to the British Govern- performance and a look insule a ment's warning that protesters launch-control centre. The two The route would be cleared and consoles in air-conditioned comfort the 22-vehicle convoy protected by which would also protect them

First Lieutenant Mark Carter explained how his radioed orders would come down from the American president through the USAF and Nato chains of command.

With the orders would come weapons-release codes, some which must be simultaneously punched into the computer by both launch officers, and targeting date that he would use but not under-

Finally, a simple message would flash up on the screen in front of him "Recommend execute." If he was satisfied the computer knew what it was doing, he would follow that recommendation by pressing the small green button on the left of the console.

## Money still oils wheels of Opec caravan

twelve days after Christmas, not to oil prices, getting money out of some of the members of the world's most powerful commodity cartel is

According to the report, the Iraqis have ignored 26 reminders about their subscriptions for this year and the latter half of 1985. Libya has also been in arrears since the middle of last year, notching up a total of 24 taps on the shoulder.

None of which is a laughing matter for an organisation which, even before the start of what is

IT is not just water boards and had spent 45 days in conference, If that were not enough, the for which it had budgoted.

> governors commissioned a study port - of the comparative cost holding conferences in Vienna. It concluded that, largely because of the expense of transporting a large in a luxury hotel, Geneva meetings cost four times as much as in they were held at Opec's headquarters and almost three times as much as if they were held in a big

mates that by the end of the year association which - with Christby Opec's Vienna-based secretariat the secretariat alone will have mas approaching - demand to show that, in this new era of low spent more than £500,000 on Opec know when the conference would a "diplomatic blunder" and ordered Earlier this year Opec's board of a retraction. It was too late. On the first day of the conference minisappended to the secretariat's re- ters agreed that in future their first choice would be Vienna.

The decision will cost Geneva's shops and restnurants dear, to say nothing of the Intercontinental part of the secretariat half way Hotel, where the meetings are hold across Europe and putting them up and where the bigger ministerial suites cost some £2,000 a night.

It ought to be pointed out. though, that Geneva did not come report reveals the extent to which ate the chocolate oil rig.

Opec was taken to the cleaners by television rental firms which have most of them in Europe's most ministers arrived in Geneva to the Yugoslavs when it met last difficulty collecting their debts. expensive city. The report esti- find a letter from the local police summer in the Adriatic archipelathe secretariat more than nine days in Geneva a month later.

But Opec still cannot quite break itself of habits born in its heyday. At the last conference Open officials gave away £3,146 in "gratuities for hotel staff". They also threw a party for the press at which the centrepiece was a gigantic chocolate confection in the form of an oil derrick.

The records show that within the space of three hours the journalists, together with those analysts, traders and other hangers-on who succeeded in wangling themselves a press pass, managed to set Opec back £3,824. Then they

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counterparts, so the abuse was enable the French better to underwell phrased. The Minister for stand the times in which they live. ling, to be precise, 28 theatres, railway station, and a museum on snuffing out music, starving the a most magnificent site. It stands dance, cancelling orders for stat- on the Left Bank, directly over-

This was a let-down. For days Gardens, with the Louvre to the Paris had been promised a little right as you look out. The Louvre revolution. Students and others is another project of state, and its have smashed shops and burned courtyard is now being torn up to cars. One student has been killed. make way for a vast glass pyra-The glorious days of 1968 have mid.

a strong directorial vision.

love and charity?

social role.

tional finesse.

years back with Sinden) is that

Lear works best when given a

precise domestic context. But

though Hare's production is too

self-effacing for my taste, it tells

the story and clears a space for the

actors, not least Anthony Hopkins's

Lear. I would call his performance

a victory on points over fifteen

rounds rather than a knockout.

But Mr Hopkins is always compel-

ling to watch because he combines

the strength and rage of a bull

great state projects for Paris, to

looking the Seine and the Tuileries

Majesty in the kingdom of limbo

Michael Billington on a new King Lear

revolution. During the Paris Combuild a station for the Universal Roman temple and one of the great for electric trains — the height was no longer necessary to dissipate the smoke and steam of the engines — the Gare d'Orsay was given the high cast-iron arches of

the classic railway cathedrals. prisoners of war. Later Orson pieces of sculpture, and about

they say Madame Giscard con-

pieces everywhere. Manet's Dejeuner sur l'herbe, more Renoirs and Monets than you ever saw but there is no point in a catalogue when you see them in such quantity, and so relentlessly, it is Toulouse-Lautrec who is the fizziest. Then there is the lovely calmness

It does occur to me that I ought not to condemn too hastily the men can so diligently have pur celebrated novelists and members sued this image as the French of the Academie Francaise who sculptures of the mid-19th century over the past few weeks have been It doesn't matter whether the piece writing exalted and meaningless is described by the artist as a rubbish in the newspapers, talking woman stung by a serpent, or as about the ceaseless interlocking of an illustration of a few lines of the circle and the square in the Andre Chenier, or whatever. What museum, and the sacred symbol- you have is a woman presenting ism of the earth and sky, and so abundant hips, arching her back

Then there are the architectural abandon. There is also an Eve plans and models. French architec- after the Fall, looking very worture did not fall to bits as English ried. architecture did in that period. And it was grand. A model of the clock of the station. All this new Paris Opera of 1875 shows the promise presenting itself under the auditorium occupying not one clock will stay in my mind. Very tenth of the whole building. Then French. Very 19th century. Perthe furniture - and never, surely, haps it takes an Anglo-Saxon to was there a more degraded cen- see it that way, and perhaps I have tury. The hideous pieces are regot it all wrong. I do, however, say deemed only by the bentwood in my defence that the largest chairs of the Thonet brothers, who canvas to be seen from the nave is in one year made 1.8 million in entitled Romans in Decadence. their five factories. But why so And decadence is what France was many examples? A fair proportion in for much of the century. of this annual 1.8 million is on The Musée d'Orsay takes its show, which is ironic since there is period as beginning in 1840 and hardly a seat for the visitor to ending in 1914. God save us. At perch on throughout the whole of first, France barely recovered from

the vast museum. The 19th century was a period of fered the revolution in 1848, then great invention and great works, the extravagances of the Second but there is very little here to show Empire, then the crushing defeat it. My eye went to one painting of by Prussia in 1870, and then the a train rounding a bend — but it was by Lionel Walden and called itself only in order to prepare for Les docks de Cardiff. The English the cataclysm of 1914. Not, all in

ly at a Sisley, and a portrait by the American Thomas Eakins, and al

and walk as it were along the nave Art Nouveau decoration of the ironwork, the stark lines, pastel colours, and slabs of stone chase woman architect of the museum And then, among all this auster ity, a proper riot of sculpture.

not expect, and what quite domi nates the central hall and for the matter a gallery or two, are the many figures of women either frolicking after a few drinks (gen erally called Bacchantes), or about

fantasy, or a happy reality, for men of any kind, but no body of and letting her head fall back in

the Napoleonic Wars, then suf-

Commune of 1871; then recovering

Above all this is the great gilded

era sets reissued on CD have been Sir Colin Davis's historic first recording of Berlioz's:Les Troyens Furtwangler's radiant account Wagner's Tristan und Isolde with Kirsten Flagstad, its mono recording amazingly fresh and wellbalanced (EMI). The economy of

Furtwangler's centenary was also celebrated with an LP issue of Mozart's Don Giovanni recorded live at Salzburg with Elisabeth Services and the voice is now sweet. If anything ing a wide variety of styles. The live recording of his Moscow reciting less, than it did on his 1972 Do inspired, spontaneous-sounding the voice is now sweet. If anything ing a wide variety of styles. The live recording of his Moscow reciting less, than it did on his 1972 Do inspired, spontaneous-sounding the voice is now sweet. If anything ing a wide variety of styles. The live recording of his Moscow reciting less, than it did on his 1972 Do inspired, spontaneous-sounding the voice is now sweet. If anything ing a wide variety of styles. The live recording of his Moscow reciting less, than it did on his 1972 Do inspired, spontaneous-sounding the voice is now sweet. If anything ing a wide variety of styles. The live recording of his Moscow reciting less, than it did on his 1972 Do inspired, spontaneous-sounding the voice is now sweet. If anything ing a wide variety of styles. The live recording of his Moscow reciting less, than it did on his 1972 Do inspired, spontaneous-sounding the voice is now sweet. If anything ing a wide variety of styles. The live recording of his Moscow recitions at less than it did on his 1972 Do inspired, spontaneous-sounding the voice is now sweet. If anything ing a wide variety of styles. The live recording of his Moscow recitions at less than it did on his 1972 Do inspired, spontaneous-sounding the voice is now sweet. If anything ing a wide variety of styles. The live recording of his Moscow recitions at less than it did on his 1972 Do inspired, spontaneous-sounding the voice is now sweet. If anything ing a wide variety of styles in the voice is now sweet. If anything ing a wide variety of styles in the voice is now sweet. If anything ing a wide variety of styles in the voice is now sweet. If anything ing a wide variety of styles in the voice is now sweet. If anything ing a wide variety of styles in the voice live at Salzburg with Elisabeth Schwarzkopf as Donna Elvira, id-iosyncratically slow but compel-ling with it (EMI). Of other LP issues of archive material my favourite has been the collection of Sir William Walton's recordings of his own music taken from 78 discs, including the electrifying wartime first recording of Belshazzar's observter masternions. Feast (EMI).

Some gems plundered from the past

The year's best records selected by Edward Greenfield

WHO would have expected that the brand-new medium of CD with classics, but there were exceptions its micro-chip technology would thrive so much on delving into classic recording of the past? I find. in summing up the year's issues more than ever before -- that the category yielding most plums is for the live recording made for Philips CD reissues. at Bayreuth of Vagner's Flying

The freshness and brilliance the young Joan Sutherland in her first big recital collection, The Ar of the Prima Donna, comes out all the more vividly on CD (Decca). beginning of her career, singing fashion, but with ery reason earliest English oratorios, based at Elgar's Sea Pictures with Sir John when it brings so comanding an a distance on Racine (Dieskau-Barbirolli conducting the LSO, has account of the title cole from Lyre). It adds to the point and an intensity never captured in this Jessye Norman opposi Thomas dramatic strength of the set that for Chandos with the Scottish music since (EMI).

So too on that same record (the with the unique revelation of the Gluck's Iphigenie en Taide re- treble, Aled Jones, but Dame Joan unpretentious lyrical piece 20-year-old Jacqueline du Pre playing the Elgar Cello Concerto. dedication of that performance is production but with Thomasilen of voice. all the more involving, when the as Oreste, again making and new medium removes such blemishes as clicks and plops, which inevitably come to mar favourite

In the year that Sir Peter Pears died no finer memorial could have been devised than the CD reissue - Richard Hickox's eplendid no Feast is, crispor and brighter than with the City of Birmingham from Decca coupling all three of the orchestral song-cycles of Benjamin Britten, which he interpreted almost in the role of fellow-creator. the Serenade, the Nocturne, and Les Illuminations. CD with its extra time-length allows that cou-

pling for the first time. Britten also conducts for Classic versions of two Mozart Piano Concertos recorded with the ECO in the Maltings, K466 in D minor and K595 in B flat. Sir Clifford Curzon as soloist prevented them from appearing till after his death better still in the B flat work, but they stand among his finest records, made the more beautiful on CD.

positive musical benefits too.

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markable for rare operas than for Choral and vocal important recordings of the central

sharply, is certainly memorable

Dutchman, strongly conducted by

of Purcell's Dido an Aeneas for

Philips flies boldly aginst current

opera, while a rarity from

Modern opera has not been

count Leonard Bernstein Coow

ing the grandeur of inspiration as John Eliot Gardiner's with the Monteverdi Choir, a glowing performance (DG Archiv)

Christopher Hogwood, too, has been at his most inspired in choral Handel's Athalia - one of his vitality and magic to the ofter earliest English oratorios, based at intractable Polish Symphony No. alongside Emma Kirkby, a spark- National Orchestra is equally suc-Neatly straddling stylic prob- ling star in so many records of cessful. My favourite is the often lems is the electrifying apunt of early music, you have not only the under-prized Symphony No. 7, an corded by John Eliot Garder for Sutherland as the wicked Queon originally intended for children Philips with substantial, the Athalia herself, rightly separated that finds Jaervi at his most same cast as in his Lyon pera from the others in style and weight inspired.

standing contribution. This is et Brighton Festival Chorus on the mir Ashkenazy's colourful and to recommend even to those orchestra's own new label has done committed account of Sibelius's myself, I admit - who too of have found Gluck boring. I choral masterpieces by English and Simon Rattle's strong and speed and sharpness here a composers. Superb as Previn's new cohesive performance of Nielsen's Instrumental version from EMI of Handel'snis EMI recording, it is outshone Orchestra (EMI), even more comleen Auger, Della Jones and Kathppett's A Child of our Time, new version for CBS. leen Kuhlmann also benefits

conjunction with live performances. Outstanding among other authentic performances of opera is the Harmonia Mundi set of Cavalli's Serse directed by the counter-tenor, Rene Jacobs, also proving that liveliness can go first recording of Salieri's Falstaff, as a work no match for Verdi, let alone Mozartian comedy, was yet a fresh and lively offering greatest olu, both doing the his British pedigree. from Hungaroton and its talented bert's Win song-cycles, Schu-

band of singers from the Budapest century later, Ernest Chausson's big-scale Wagnerian opera, Le roi Arthus, based on Arthurian legend, has been another agreeable vi vslav Richterloviet pianist, tine on to a senso expansive 

> tion from EMI, The Gallant Troubadour, of his British folk-song settings, virtually unknown till now. The American tenor Robert White, with chamber accompaniment couples ten of them with nine from Beethoven's rather betterknown British folk-song settings,

which in performances like these

are far more like potboilers.

Composers, conductors and performers in this year's list — from left: Britten, Hallink, Yansons, Sutherland, Tippett, Tchaikovsky, Gardiner and Perahis.

tras. So it is this year with Mariss Yansons and the Oslo Philharmonkovsky symphony series, bringing

Scandinavian symphonics su-Andre Previn with the RPO and perbly done have included Vladitwo outstanding discs of modern First (Decca) part of a fine series. version of Walton's Belshazzar's Fourth, The Inextinguishable,

coming in shoals, but the one I "nong solo vocal records of the have enjoyed most has been pl choose three of Lieder. Olaf Giuseppe Sinopoli's glowing and accompanied by Geoffrey intense version with the reco makes an impressive first Philharmonia, even more successmanior EMI, coupling Schu- ful than the first in his Mahler 39 Lichterliebe with the Opus series, of No. 5. And of Elgar issues goes tkreis. Beauty of voice (of which there have been many) l feeling natural sensitivity, a would choose Andre Previn's cannot owords, but even Baer strong and expressive reading of rivals, Pematch two of his older the First Symphony with the RPO Fischer-Dichreier and Dietrich (Philips) ripely idiometic to show

Philips labelise, both on the Stravinsky series with the Montreal Orchestra, outshines his rivals in the Firebird ballet not only count n. a liv expansive ac- in the beauty of the performance with he veteracording made and the richness of sound but in coupling - two other early works,

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The first D veten has been that composer's bicentenary year the late Karl tion from EMI. The Call is collected, appointmental sounding readings from the volatile Martha Argerich, sparking off Sinopoli and the Philharmonia Orchestra (DG), while Murray Perahia with Bervery year the late Karl tion from EMI. The Call is collected. that composer's bicentenary yea. has been an unpretentious collecnard Haitink and the Concertgeouw Orchestra give promise of Cyrle that could well unmatchable, in roudings of No. 3 and 4 that are both strong and poetit, fell of Porthia magic but not mannered (CBS),

eightles, with Sir Colin Days and the Dresden Orchestra; seems to have lost all his old inhibition over

recording in his vigorous account of the Emperor. It is not flawless in the passagework, but few will

Soccer results

worry when there is such mastery The Beethoven Violin Concerte omes in an intimate, finely wrought and intense account from Jean-Jacques Kantorow and the Notherlands Chamber Orchestra. immaculately tuned (Denon) while in one of the outstanding bargain issues of the year the Triple Concerto receives the finest performance among current versions from a team of soloists led tus in this work they should be) by the collist, Robert Cohen, with Jukka-Pekka Saraste and the ECO (Clas-

sics for Pleasure). Winning records of clarinet concertos have come from Thea King in the Mozart (with Juffrey Tate and the ECO) excellently coupled with the Clarinet Quintet (Hyperion), while Emma Johnson is the sparkling soloist in a charming collection of concertante works including her party-piece, the Crusell Concerto No. 2 (ASV).

Thea King's Hyperion record of Mozart comes in this category too Alcina with a cast including Ar- y the new issue of Sir Michael pelling than Ess-Pekka Salonen's with the Clarinet Quintet. Other excellent Hyperion issues of the ghly idiomatic and warmly ex- Mahler symphonies have been year include the young group. Domus, in warm, sensitive readings of the two Faure Piano

Quartets. Quartet and Piano Quintet comes from the Chilingirian Quartet joined by Bernard Roberts, warmly understanding performances marked by superb ensemble (EMI). Also from EMI is a box of the complete quartet music from Benjamin Britten beautifully played by the Endellion Quartet including Charles Dutoit, now starting a several first recordings of early works and with Douglas Boyd as soloist in the Phantasy for Oboe and String Trio.

. Outstanding among piane records this year has been the having so generous and apt a collaboration of Murray Perabia French Radio forces under Armin it contains Richt CD, which the Scherzo Fantastique and Fire pieces for dust, the F minor Jordan with Teresa Zylis Gara sading of the inferis inspired works (Decoa) Fantasy of Schubert and the D major Sonata of Mozait, K448. Dieskau in his latest Fischer Concertos

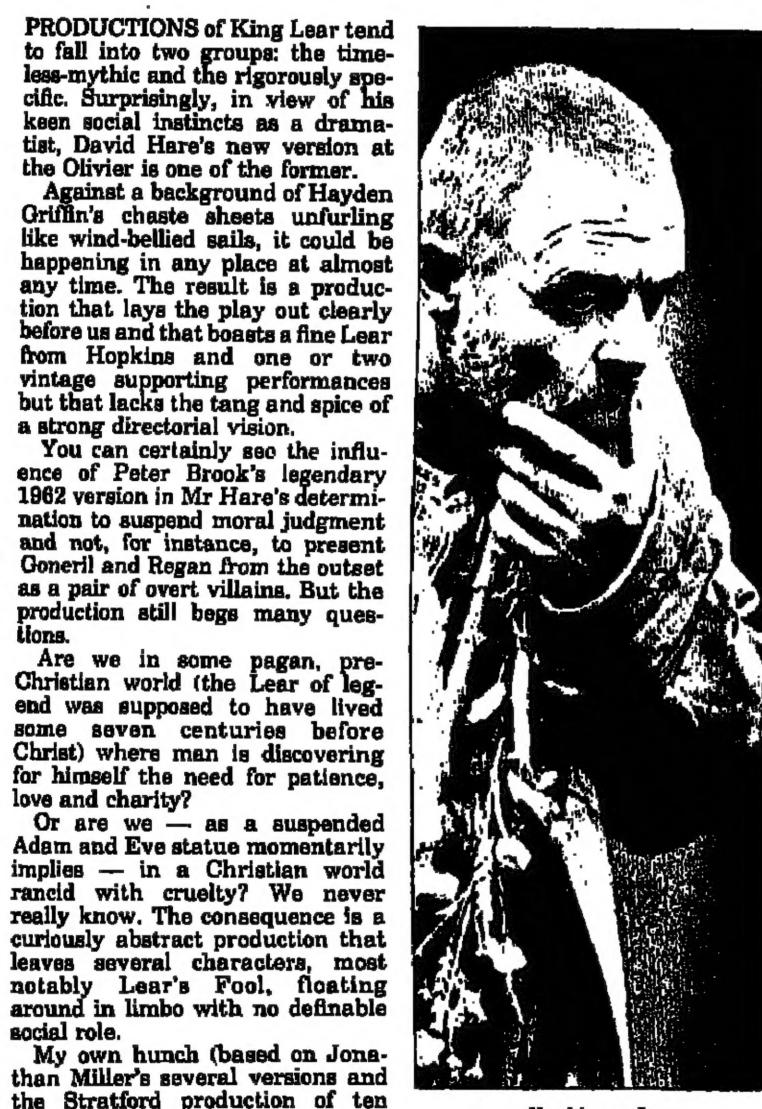
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e equally gains dispiration from the individuality of his accommust, lent versions this year, representing the voice is now sweet anything ing a wide variety of styles. The ingless than it did on hi roughtn- first two piano concertos come in aughty flaring.

responding to each other in rapt concentration (CBS). As a purvey-concentration (CBS). As a purvey-

Contemporary

Luciano Berio's Sinfonia has French National Orchestra in the first recording of the full fivemovement version (Erato), while Esa-Pekka Salonen drew a masterly performance of Lutoslawski's Symphony No. 3 and Los espaces du sommeil from the Los Angeles Philharmonic (CBS). But note that the composer's own version of both works is due from Philips.



Hopkins as Lear

He stops in his tracks when he finds himself later echoing the doesn't do much between the lines phrase "nothing will come of (shouldn't she drink in every word nothing" and when he talks of "our of her father's?). youngest born" the tears well up in and his emotional vulnerability.

"he chipped a bit off the character nearly unplayable role. here and there". Hopkins gives us with an extraordinary capacity for 'the whole man: barbarous and pathos. He is a genuine leonine when he threatens to tear at Goneril's "wolfish visage", heavyweight endowed with emotender and curious when he tests Gloucester's sightlessness by pass-

From the opening scene, when he divides up a kingdom composed ing a hand over his eyes. If I have any reservation it is of coloured children's blocks, he that Hopkins cultivates a gravelly, suggests a capacity for tyranny: the close-shaven white head is that aged voice that sometimes muffles wandering beggars to conmeaning: it is significant how of a Prussian Junker, a fist is effective it is when he virtually forever bunched as he leads with his left. Yet, when Cordelia denies steps out of character for "Take him the satisfaction of a declared physic, Pomp". And the final love, he chokes back the tears. And scenes don't yet touch the very Hopkins makes this a key moment in his performance.

howl" were given their virtual two-syllable Gielgudian music.

But, that aside, it is a stirring performance that combines lustihood, strength, anger with a sense of tears in mortal things. Hopkins has played Lear and won; the performance will be even

But Hare's production is no oneman show. I cannot recall a better Gloucester than Michael Bryant's: quiet, stoical, resigned and yet suggesting an anterior life of youthful promiscuity. Philip Locke's Kent, marching off at the end with what looks like a resolution to kill himself, is also the epitome of dignified service. It says a lot for Hare's that both actors are good enough to make you wonder what they would be like as Lear. And both Anna Massey and Suzanne Bertish as Goneril and Regan follow the now-classic

Brookian method of not signalling evil from the start but allowing it to develop through action. The former makes a selfish sexuality the key to her character; the latter has her father's rage without his compassion and, in one extraordinary sequence, bunches her fist at him as if about to offer blow for

Some characters, however, are left marconed by Mr Hare's unspecified locale and by Christine Stromberg's periodless costumes. Roshan Seth is a fine actor but cannot make out what his Fool is about: he seems neither a professional clown nor (like Antony Sher) Lear's alter ego and is often reduced to barking out his rebukes from upstage. What I miss is any hint of umbilical closeness between him and his master. Miranda Foster's Cordelia also

his eyes and in ours. Hopkins from Ken Drury, a snickeringly conveys both Lear's brutishness youthful Edmund from Douglas

What you get at the Olivier is some powerful acting and some momentarily effective staging: Mr Hare's best directorial touch is the premonitory thunder-blast that follows Lear's reference to "the terrors of the earth".

But there are some puzzling inventions (such as a phalanx of textualise Poor Tom never seen again) and a sense that Mr Hare is telling the story without having worked out whether the play is set in a godless, pre-Christian society ecstasy of anguish and nerve-ends or a post-Christian one demonof feeling: I wish that "Howl, howl, strating man's inhumanity to man:



Opera

Soccer results

by J. H. Elliott (Yale,

of Mexico, was seven years old when Columbus set foot in the New World. He came from a modest family in a modest town of barren Extremadura. At nineteen, he left home for the Indies. His Spanish inheritance was a vine and a beehive. In the New World, he conquered an empire nine times

The letters sent by Cortes to Emperor Charles V between 1519 and 1526, in Anthony Pagden's definitive translation, tell the tale of this conquest with self-serving vigour, a dash of mythologising, and a subtle sense of legitimation. It all adds up to one of the most fascinating Machiavellian documents to come out of the Renais-

Machiavelli wrote The Prince in 1513, but it was only published after his death, in 1532. Cortes could not have read Machiavelli. But, as these letters prove, he was the best living proof that the Machiavellian idea was in the air of the sixteenth century.

A product of the enormous energy and movement of the Spanish war of Reconquest against the Moors, Cortes and his brethren represented the new men of an incipient middle class first liberated from feudalism by the shifting frontiers of the wars, the Christian repopulation of reconquered zones, and the rise of cities and towns rewarded with a modicum of

municipal freedoms. These events then prepared improbably forecast when the them to rise from anonymity to the Spanish captain destroyed his own challenge of the Renaissance en- ships in Veracruz and thus cut off terprise of power as envisioned by his own retreat. The defeat of the served by those who by their employed to the hilt the combinacourage and ability, and not by tion of courage, audacity, and conquer it. Now everyone, if they virtu: this prince of the New World empire. It was the victory of know how to manipulate will and intrigues, listens, and listens other Indians, who assisted Cra,

Re-reading Pagden's translation,

quire power in unprecedented, un-

Akin to the models offered by Machiavelli, "little or nothing" in the life and enterprises of Cortes "can be attributed to fortune". As Machiavelli says of Agathocles. Cortes also ". . . achieved sovereignty, not by the favour of any one (but) by a thousand efforts and dangers," and he maintained it "with great courage and a great

Cortes came to Mexico, furthermore, as a "prophet armed". The Indians could hardly resist musket, cannon, and monstrous fourlegged beasts. Even less could a culture based upon myth resist an invader who arrived in precise synchronisation with the announced return of the blond, bearded god Quetzalcoatl, the Plumed Serpent.

But Cortes did not know that he

was, nor did he want to be, a prophet, much less a God. He wished to be what his ancestors could never have been: a prince, at to fight on three fronts: against the conquer and settle; against Montesway over a vast and ominous land against his own king, Charles V, name so that he would not hinder, but legitimise, Cortes's faraway

Cortes defeated the authority of the governor of Cuba, by achieving success in Mexico - a highly fortune, can be the Prince, instead above all to the very human against the Aztec overlord. Jas Elliott explains in his luminous of serving him.

actions in the New World.

Gamesperson's ploy



Cortes is the Prince who never The Spanish captain united Cortes defeated Montez a beThe Spanish captain united Cortes a beThe Spanish captain un

ic essence of Machiavellianism as acted out by men such as Cortes in invincible alliance against the Inthe New World. Cortes writes to dian despot: the conquest of Mexitable Montager and decided to be a month of the King in order to put his conquests at the royal feet, but at conquests of an army of less than 600 the same time he is telling an especial without the disaster without the Aztec emperor a God, see in the Spanish capta and cause the Aztec emperor a God, see in the Spanish capta to cause the Aztec emperor a God, whereas Cortes refused to the contemposite and finally new nations were born vastly relevant to the contemposite and finally new nations were born vastly relevant to the contemposite and decided to be a month of the Letters. It is the same is the stuff of the Letters. It is the same is

the Spanish Crown; Cortes defeats

Montezuma, but then he is defea-

military man, wished to legitimic his conquest by Christian evangelisation of the heathen and then offer it, pro forma, to a faraway sovereign, while proceed.

The Church and the Crown were not going to permit this. Once the military phase of the conquest had been concluded, Cortes was named governor, then surrounded by a cloud of intriguing royal bureau crats, finally shunted aside, as cused of sundry crimes, and left to write pathetic letters to the King asking for money to pay his sailors, while propagandising priests such as Las Casas furthered royal authority and further undermined the power of the conquistadores.

Two dates coincide here: The fall of Tenochtitlan, the Aztec capital to Cortes, in 1521, and, that same year, the defeat of the revolution of the Castilian communities at the hands of Charles V. Thinking the he has triumphed in the New World, the conquistador has ju been defeated in the Old World. H wanted to be a prince in the Indie because he had never been an hidalgo in Spain. He should have been a citizen first, both in the Old and in the New World.

His failure became ours. The vertical autocracy of Montezuma was substituted by the vertical autocracy of the Spanish Habs burgs. We are the defendants of both verticalities, and our stubborn struggles for democracy are all the more difficult, and perhaps,

Machiavelli's Prince was first sublished in Spanish translation in 1552 and then included in the Index Prohibitorum by Cardinal Gaspar de Quiroga in 1584. Bu first, the Crown had ordered, i March of 1527, that there should be no further printings of the letters of Cortes. And in 1553, ye another royal decree was to forbi the export to the Indies of a histories of the Conquest. We were not allowed to know ourselves, 5 instead of histories we write novels.

ted by Charles V. as John H. Chroniclers such as Cortes, were not only our first historians bu our first novelists. Out of their epic

### Richard Boston on Potterism and Ewarting

THE COMPLETE LITTLE ONES, by Gavin Ewart (Hutchingon,

about in 1947. Food was strictly rationed. The winter was exceptionally cold, and there were frequent power cuts (double glazing was unknown in those days and, they were seldom known to those days and, they were seldom known to those days and, they were seldom known to the self-out of key with the contents of the book. To a lesser extent the Games without Actual Games without Actual Games without Actual Winning lames Without Actual Games with Actual Games though radiators existed, they S. Potter did not invent Games— alwas will be for it has a fault though radiators existed, they S. Potter did not invent Games— alwas will be for it has a fault though radiators existed, they S. Potter did not invent Games— alwas will be for it has a fault though radiators existed, they S. Potter did not invent Games— alwas will be for it has a fault though radiators existed, they S. Potter did not invent Games— alwas will be for it has a fault though radiators existed, they S. Potter did not invent Games— alwas will be for it has a fault though radiators existed, they S. Potter did not invent Games— alwas will be for it has a fault though radiators existed, they S. Potter did not invent Games— alwas will be for it has a fault though radiators existed, they S. Potter did not invent Games— alwas will be for it has a fault though radiators existed.

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is that we over-40s had a hellish time and came through it with our upper lips stiff, while you young whipper-snappers are a molly-cod-whipper-snappers are a molly-cod-dled lot who never stop complain-

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CRICKET

### A breezy victory

ENGLAND survived the gales of Hobart to bowl out Tasmania for 167, winning the game by an innings and 96 runs in two days of actual playing time.

In conditions that one onlooker likened to the north face of the Eiger, the England bowlers soon found the flaws in Tasmania's patchy batting in the kind of win that old-time touring teams used to have in state games. Meanwhile the form of Ian

Botham, chosen for Thursday's one-day game against the Prime Minister's XI in Canberra, remains a source of some concern. He had an hour-long net at the weekend, but felt just enough pain

his bowling as planned. But after Canberra he is expected to play at Melbourne, unless he breaks down in the meantime.

from his injury while batting to

prevent his stepping up the pace of

Botham's form will have a bearing on the immediate future of DeFreitas, whose inexperience was shown up at Adelaide, and who may be dropped if it becomes clear. Hobart was done by Gatting.

on tax evasion charges LESTER PIGGOTT, the retired champion jockey, was arrested by By David Pallister

police last week, charged with trying to defraud the Inland Revenue of hundreds of thousands of

After several hours in custody, he was released on bail after signing over the deeds to his Newmarket home and stables, valued at £950,000. Magistrates at Newmarket originally asked for £1 million to be deposited with the court, but Mr Piggott's solicitor was unable to produce a bank draft in time. Other conditions of bail included two £100,000 sureties, weekly reporting to police, and the surrender of his passport.

At a special court at Newmarket, where he lives, Mr Piggott, aged 51, was charged that "on or about April 29, 1983, at Newmarket in Suffolk, or elsewhere," he did, "with intent to defraud and to the prejudice of Her Majesty the Queen and the Comthe Inland Revenue special office,

Lester Piggott bailed for £1m



the National Westminister Bank

a former bookmaker, set the £1 Foster is now his main challenger. contained a false statement - police cells while efforts were at Newmarket. His first season Most of the donkey-work at namely that the only bank ac- made to find the money. One of the was a great success, with 33 counts he held on that date were at sureties was the millionaire winners at home and abroad.

acehorse owner Charles George, who was contacted by telephone in London.

Piggott was 11 times champion and rode 4,348 winners in Engwon him millions of friends, and

Last year he hung up his boots

heard for at least three months. Mr Piggott left the court at 8.30pm without saying anything and was driven back to his home In a written statement he said: was very disappointed to be arrest ed today as since February 1, 1986 my advisers and myself had spen thousands of hours getting togeth er all the evidence that was sought by the Inland Revenue and Customs and Excise with a view settling my affairs.

me at such short notice." In a 38-year career Lester

TODAY LEAGUE — FIRST DIVISION: Arsonal 3, Luton 0; Charlon 0, Liverpool 0, Chefsea 0, Totlenham 2; Everton 3, Wimbledon 0; Manchester United 2, Leicester 0; Notlingham Forest 0, Southampton 0; Orderd United 2, Aston Vila 2; West Ham 1, QPR 1, Friday: Watford 1, Norwich 1, Sunday: Covertry 2, Manchester City 2; Sheffield Wednesday 2, Newcastle 0 Leading positions: 1, Arsonal (P 20, Pts 41); 2, Notlingham Forest 20, 36, 3, Liverpool 20, 25. The case is not expected to be

3. Uverpool 20, 35.

SECOND DIVISION: Hudderafield 1. Crystal Palace 2: Portsmouth 2. Barnsley 1. Friday: Birmingham 2. Sheffield United 1; Ipswich 3, Plymouth 0; West Brom 1, Reading 2. Sunday: Brighton 3, Shrewsbury 0; Derby 4, Grimsby 0. Oldham 2. Bradford 1; Stoke City 7, Leeds United 2; Milwail Leading positions: 1, Okham 19, 40; Porsmouth 20, 39; 3, Derby County 20, 37. THIRD DIVISION: Bournemouth v Blackpo Friday: Chasterfield 1, Darlington 3, Port Velle 2, Gillingham 4, Bristol Rovers 1, Sunday: Brentford 0, Middlestrough 1; Carlisle 0, Notic County 2 Concester 2, Swindon 2; Manafield 1, Wigan Leading positions: 1, Middlesbrough 20, 41; 2. Ollingham 20, 40; 3, Norts County 20, 37. FOURTH DIVISION: Aldershot 1, Craws ( Cambridge United 3, Rockdale 0, Prestors 1, Orien ); Swanset 1, Coichester 2; Torquey v Polerbo

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SECOND DIVISION: Albion v Strling: Alloa Stranzaer: Cowdenbeath v Benrick postponed. Abroath 2, Harin 1; Meadowbank 2, Ayr 2; Queen's Park 2, East Stirling 1; St Johnstone 1, Stenhouse

ough postponed: Wolverhampton 1, Southend ? Friday: Burnley 1, Cardill 3; Huifex 2, Heroford

Sounthorpe 3, Exeter 1; Stockport 2, Wrexham

Bunday: Northampton 3, Lincoln 1. Leading positions: 1, Northampton 20, 51; 2, Southerd 19 37: 3, Swanson 20, 35.

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Rangers 2; Hibertian O, Motherwell 1; St Mirren 3, Clydebank 1, Leading poettions; 1, Celtic 25, 40, 2, Dundee United 25, 36; 3, Rangers 24, 34. FIRST DIVISION: Brechin 1, Motton 3; Dumber-

on 0, Fortar 1; Dunfermiline y Clyde postponer

East Fife 0, Andrie 0, Kilmamock 1, Montrose 0; Partick v Queen of South postponed. Leading positions: 1, Dunfarmline 24, 33, 2, Dumbarton 25

## Arsenal show the pack a clean pair of heels

IT COULD be the kiss of death to Nottingham Forest, meanwhile, Wigan win say so, but there is an air of failed for the first time this season inevitability about the champion- to score at home in sharing a through ship form of Arsenal at the mo- goalless match with Southampton. ment at the top of English soccer's It was for Southampton a relief First Division. Others may huff from the strife that has inflicted and puff and worry about injuries, the club recently, with one player including the champions, Liver- being hauled before the Football pool, but Arsenal remain calm and Association for allegedly bringing assured, thanks to consistency the game into disrepute, their both of style and team members. England goalkeeper, Shilton, suf-

They entered the Christmas and fering a very public tiff with his New Year batch of games with a wife that included the involvement buffer of five points between them- of the police, although it all ended tingham Forest, with Liverpool firing in a transfer request. and city neighbours Everton shar- Shilton's problems were coming 35 points a further point adrift. pounded at Forest where he broke This is after 20 games, which is his nose in a collison. roughly half the League programme and is a handsome lead by anyone's reckoning. At the weekend Arsenal looked scrappy at home to Luton Town for threequarters of the game, anxious to please but unable to convert their mastery into goals. But from the moment Quinn put them ahead after 71 minutes the other two goals came as if by right from a

side oozing confidence. Their manager, George Graham, quite properly still refuses to talk in terms of winning the championship, well aware of the salutary example of Manchester United's ing position last season. But he allowed himself a cautious: "We are very pleased with what we

have been doing recently." Liverpool, meanwhile, did themselves no favours by only drawing 0-0 at Charlton Athletic, in spite of Charlton being reduced to 10 men for most of the second half. The champions are still looking to field. a settled side, thanks to injuries

Everton have had more than their fair shares of those problems this season, but at the weekend welcomed back their midfield gen-eral, Peter Reid, who has played such a major part in the team's before Christmas to see the 1-1 draw with Aberdeen. It cut into Celtic's lead in the division but success in recent years. He has not played a first team match since beginning treatment for injuries , vived a fright at home against after the World Cup in Mexico during the summer, and even at being a goal down at half-time to foreigners the weekend he was quietly given win 3-1. Victory would have put his first taste of serious action only Everton were 3-0 ahead against

Soccer's worries over hooligan sion, were ordered to play their FA Bromwich Albion's ground. This all arose from a decision of the police at Telford, who had won that they would not be able to the years. Twice this season these away grounds, including at West reluctant to stage the cup-tie. But faced with the police fears the FA. pted to order the match at West close to Telford, at least aware that the police there have the numbers

The weekend's highest meanwhile, was at Glasgow Celtic, in the Scottish Premier Division, where 35,624 people contrived to avoid the last shopping Saturday still left them with 40 points, four clear of Dundee United, who sur-Hearts, when they recovered from Hearts into second place. Defeat RUGBY UNION in England com- with the new 8.5 litro non-turbomeans that they stay in fifth place pleted at the weekend the series charged Cosworth DFZ V8 engine.

and experience to tackle the hooli-

League's John Player Trophy, won tackling and led 5-0 at the interval. But the second half belonged to Wigan's young scrum-half, Edstand-off Ellery Hanley. His first try was from a solo 30-yards run second followed a drive by Edwards that ended in Hanley going

Another sample of the high quality of Australian Rugby

League was experienced in England at the weekend. Only weeks playing. after the Australian seniors inflicted a clean sweep of the Test series Sponsors withdraw against Great Britain, their touring Under-19 squad won their took the second match at Leeds 26-14, scoring four tries and showing vastly superior skills and power, although the British youngsters

The crippling cost of bringing safety standards following last costs of grand prix sponsorship season's soccor tragedies has hit at could not be justified. Imperial least one leading Rugby League have been putting in about £3 twice champions in the past three to be demanded for next year, years, have already paid one bill of when Ayrton Senna will have a £108,000 and face another of Japanese, Satoru Nakajima, as his £145,000 at their ground. The second driver. Imperial were annual meeting last week heard with losses continuing at £150,000

means that they stay in nith place pleted at the weekeno the series charges could be divisional championship. Philippe Alliot will drive the first badly injurerdeen. with North retaining the title but car in its debut in the San Marino, ing fall.

partly to aid the selection process for the national team. North completed three wins wins by beating points after losing 18-10 at the in the series were devalued, howsome clubs and a generally nega-

Meanwhile French Rugby Union administrators have expressed concern over the number of foreign players taking part in the top division of the French club championship. There are 33 South Africans and 18 New Zealanders among the 83 foreigners playing in are fears that some may be mercethe development of local talent. Attempts may be made to limit clubs to one overseas player, or to make residence in France for at least a year a qualification for

MOTOR SPORT suffered a major financial setback at the weekend

when Imperial Tobacco ended their 18-year sponsorship of the John al's chief executive, John million a year, but more was said unhappy at that decision, wanting There are, however, always

the challenges of grand prix racing. Gerard Larrousse, the former Renault and Ligier Formula-One team director, announced a new team last week for next season. They will use a Lola chassis fitted

everyone seemingly dissatisfied Grand Prix, and a second car may with a format that was intended run later.

The sport lost one of its key figures last week when Jean Marie Balestre retired after eight years London 34-6, while South-west as president of the ruling International Federation of Automobile Sports. He said that he was going because of a "lying and defam-FISA are facing a £3 million lawsuit brought by Peugeot over first half thanks to some feroclous ... tive and unimaginative approach the decision to ban the curren

pionship rallying next season. was named world raily champion last week when FISA ruled the San Remo rally in October nul Markku Alen, who believed that he had become world champion event, the Olympus in Washington, but was thwarted by the FISA

### Boxer cleared of

BOXING'S Tim Witherspoon was cleared last weekend of allegations that he had been taking drugs before he lost his world heavyweight title to James "Bonecrusher" Smith last week. Jose Torres, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission said that there had been a clerical error in an earlier announcement that tests on Witherspoon had allegedly proved positive for marijuana. "Someone made a critical should have been 'negative,'" said

SKIING's World Cup champion. Marc Girardelli, became the second major casualty of the season when he dislocated his left shou dar in a fall in Yugoslavia. It was the shoulder in three weeks and he immediately went to Switzerland for an operation. He hopes to be fit by the end of January. Last week the American, Bill Johnson, was badly injured in a downhill train

# HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL CYPRIOTS

The words "Human Rights" have been used so frequently that it is often forgotten that they involve the fates, the daily lives and the happiness of ordinary men and women.

The restoration and protection of the human rights of all Cypriots is an essential prerequisite for a just, viable and lasting solution of the Cyprus problem.

We believe that Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots should enjoy the basic rights to return to their homes and to live wherever they wish throughout Cyprus. There should be no segregation according to religion or language or culture. Each and every Cypriot should have the right to own property anywhere and the right to move freely across the length and breadth of our small country.

The Turkish troops who occupy 37% of Cyprus prevent 200,000 displaced Greek Cypriots from returning to their homes, the few hundred Greek Cypriots still there are being squeezed out and the properties of the displaced Greek Cypriots have been distributed to Turks. On the contrary, the homes of Turkish Cypriots in the free part of the Republic of Cyprus are still officially considered to be their own properties, but the Turkish military occupation regime which forced or lured them away from their homes does not allow them to return there.

About 60,000 settlers from the Turkish mainland have been brought to Cyprus and have been granted "political rights" by the Turkish Cypriot "authorities". Thus, in the area of Cyprus under Turkish military control there is now one mainland Turk, civilian or soldier, for every Turkish Cypriot. The people of Cyprus have the right to reject the massive imposition of foreigners on their homeland.

Turkey is preventing the investigation into the fate of the 1619 Greek Cypriots who have been missing since the Turkish invasion in 1974. Their families have the right to know whether they are alive or dead. The prolonged uncertainty about the fate of their "disappeared" is nothing less than a subtle form of cruel torture.

We claim the human right of every Cypriot to live free of the fear of foreign invasion and the suppression of foreign occupation. There are over 35,000 Turkish troops in Cyprus and recently their numbers have been increased and the quality of their armoured forces improved. Concern at this development has been expressed even by Turkey's allies. All these occupation troops should be withdrawn. They have no place in an independent Cyprus and they prevent the restoration of the human rights of its citizens.

The violations of human rights as a result of the Turkish military occupation of part of Cyprus have been authoritatively verified by impartial international organs, including the commission for human rights of the Council of Europe. This intolerable situation must not be allowed to continue. We appeal to the international community and particularly to human rights organisations to take all steps necessary to put an end to the tragedy of Cyprus.

The Committee for the Restoration of Human Rights throughout Cyprus

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